ROUND 2

Perth Glory	PG Games	PG Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1 Jason PETKOVIC	60	0	215	0
2 Matt HORSLEY	1	0	285	36
3 Jamie HARNWELL	82	11	82	11
4 Ljuba MILICEVIC	29	3	30	3
5 Craig DEANS	33	2	69	3
6 Gareth NAVEN (c)	138	6	150	6
7 Scott MILLER	142	14	191	17
8 Brad MALONEY	19	5	256	67
9 Alistair EDWARDS	68	24	148	34
10 Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	131	59	154	69
11 Michael GARCIA	31	4	58	4
13 Anthony DANZE	0	0	0	0
14 Dion VALLE	35	0	35	0
15 Edgar ALDRIGHI JNR	64	1	64	1
16 Damian MORI	29	20	328	168
17 Gary FARIA	28	3	28	3
18 Shane PRYCE	20	1	149	18
20 Tony FRANKEN	39	0	278	0
21 PJ ROBERTS	8	0	45	1
22 Antonio NAGLIERI	0	0	0	0
23 David TARKA	0	0	0	0
25 Todd HARNWELL	2	0	2	0
26 Nick MRDJA	7	0	10	0

Coach: Mich d'Avray
Assistant Coach: Alan Vest

Marconi Stallions	PG Games	PG Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1 Michael TURNBULL	36	0	36	0
2 Michael BEAUCHAMP	2	0	2	0
3 Mark BABIC	87	2	239	4
4 Angelo COSTANZO	29	1	162	1
5 Dominic LONGO (c)	142	4	188	6
6 Christian CARE	95	8	95	8
7 Brendan RENAUD	146	11	184	15
8 Grant LAST	6	0	6	0
9 Kevo GULESSARIAN	1	0	1	0
10 John MAISANO	20	0	20	0
11 Norman TOME	16	0	188	52
12 Steven BOSINOVSKI	0	0	0	0
13 Shane WEBB	1	0	21	0
14 Eric ANABALON	0	0	0	0
15 Royce BROWNLIE	24	6	24	6
16 Raphael BOVE	6	1	28	1
17 James AFKOS	22	1	59	1
18 Sasa RADULOVIC	15	2	15	2
20 Daniel SCHWARZER	0	0	0	0
30 Bob CATLIN	0	0	343	1

Coach: Lee Sterrey
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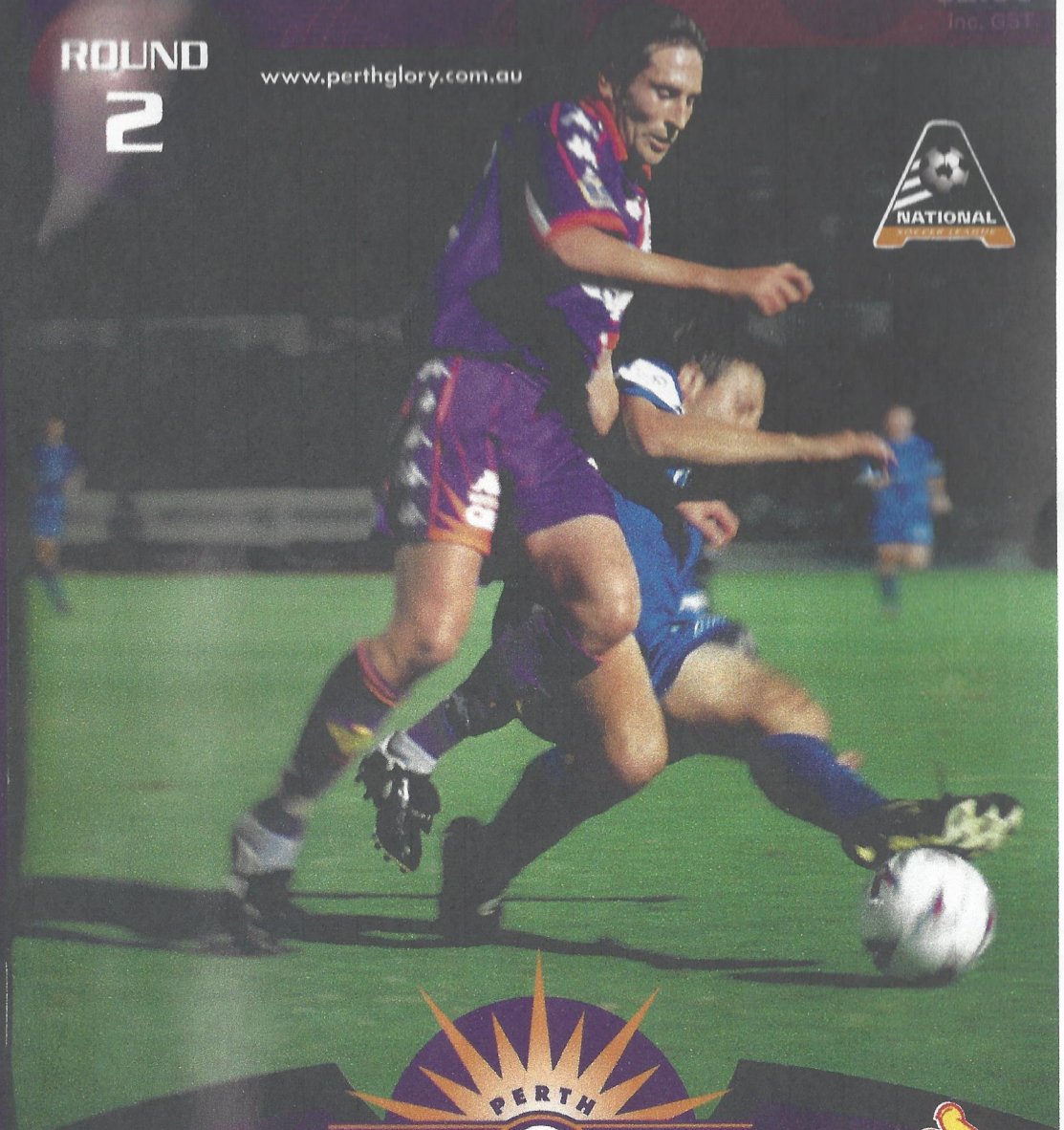

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GLORY LOOK WINNERS FROM THE TOP DOWN

It seemed too good to be true ... and unfortunately it was.

After the now traditional pre-season speculation and drama, NSL season 2001-02 looked as though it might kick off with the same teams that finished the previous season, for just the second time since the Glory joined the competition.

We'd already seen Brisbane Strikers and Canberra Cosmos re-instated after being axed at the end of the last campaign. However, less than three weeks before the start of the new season, it turned out the Cosmos couldn't produce the goods, despite denying they were in dire financial trouble and announcing they would become the next Perth Glory just days prior to their demise.

Unfortunately, there's nothing anyone can do about it now, so let's look ahead at the campaign that does lie ahead – but more specifically, Perth Glory and their chances this season?

Well, if it were judged by sheer weight of support alone, Perth would be a shoe-in for the title every year. Despite a disappointing early finals exit last time around, there's no doubt which club led the way again off the pitch, but fans are desperate to see that support transformed into glory on the field.

On paper, the Glory certainly look one of the teams to beat. Again they lost several players in the off-season but with all due respect, Vinko Buljubasic and John Carbone aren't big losses, having started just nine games between them in the past two years, while Kasey Wehrman's mind was more often in Europe than at Perth Oval, although he did play his best soccer in a Glory shirt last season. An in-form Rob Trajkovski was capable of making an impact as an attacking wing-back, but in Matt Horsley, the club have picked up a more versatile player who can be every bit as damaging going forward as Trajkovski at his very best. However, Horsley also has a very good defensive side to his game and he'll run and scrap for 90 minutes. And he's a winner – he knows what it takes to win the championship, having been there and done that twice as skipper of Wollongong Wolves.

But perhaps the Glory's biggest trump card in a squad that's basically the same as last season, could be new coach Mich d'Avray.

The former assistant may come across as quiet and unassuming, preferring to avoid the spotlight his predecessor revelled in, but behind that is a man of steely determination with a will and (hopefully) a means of continuing the Glory's reputation as an entertaining free-flowing soccer team, but one that can also fight and do the hard things needed to make it to the very top.

He has the advantage of having been at the club for three seasons, he knows the players, their strengths, their weaknesses, their idiosyncrasies and what makes them tick. He's very focussed and knows exactly what he wants from his team and more importantly, he makes sure the players know exactly what he wants from them but perhaps most vitally, he has their respect.

Sometimes a new coach, some fresh ideas and different training drills can be just what's needed to re-ignite the spark and get the best from a highly talented group of players.

D'Avray has already made it clear he won't stand for any nonsense or anything that might disrupt harmony. Also expect to see more tactical flexibility and less predictability on the pitch.

The signs look good and a fourth successive finals appearance should be a certainty. They do have a tough start, however if they can get a few points on the board early and have a bit of luck with injuries, there's no reason they can't go all the way and Horsley might just find himself with a winners' medal around his neck at Subiaco Oval again – this time in the right colours.

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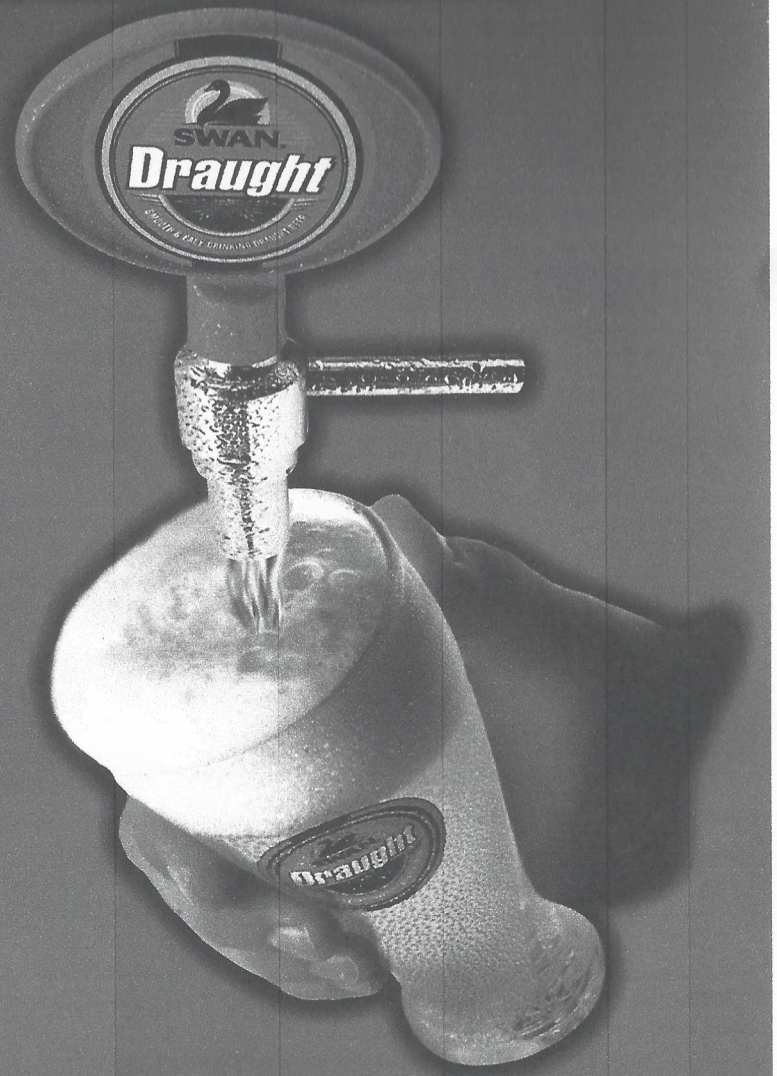

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TONIGHT'S GAME

GLORY OUT TO HARNESS STALLIONS

There was a time when Marconi Stallions would come to Perth, go through their paces and return to Sydney with, at the very best, a point to show for their efforts. But all that ended last season when the one-time glamour side of the NSL dumped a Perth Oval hoodoo to register a first victory west of the Nullarbor.

And, just to rub salt into Perth Glory wounds, it was former player James Afkos who plundered an excellent early goal ... his first in the NSL ... after 30 minutes as Marconi then survived some hair-raising moments to emerge as 1-0 winners.

In the second half, the Sydneysiders played out their version of The Great Escape as Damian Mori hit the post with a close-range shot, Jamie Harnwell thundered a header against the crossbar, John Carbone scooped the ball over from close in when it looked easier to score and Alistair Edwards had a glaring penalty plea turned down after defender Buddy Farah clearly handled his shot. Edwards and Scott Miller both had efforts cleared off the line late on.

If the same level of excitement is on offer tonight, then you can settle in to bite those fingernails to the quick.

Marconi hadn't won on four previous visits to Perth. In fact, they had only beaten the Glory once in 11 head-to-heads, including a finals visit to the WACA Ground in 1999.

That sole victory had been at Marconi Stadium in 2000 when the home side bounced back from being two down to win 3-2 in a regular season game.

The last time the sides met was at Marconi Stadium last April when the Glory literally strolled to a 2-0 win with goals from Edwards and Gary Faria.

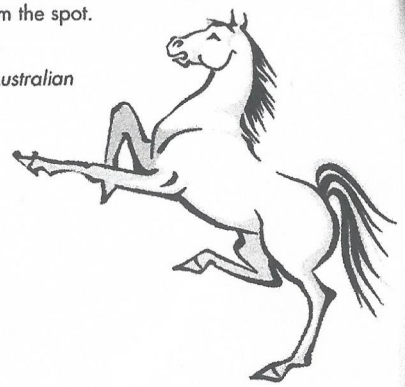
Since then, Marconi, like the Glory, has undergone a coaching change ... Lee Sterrey, the former Newcastle coach, replacing Eddie Krncevic, who has now lodged with South Melbourne in the merry-go-round that seems part and parcel of the NSL each season.

The Sydney side has experienced some financial problems recently and was a low key participant in the off-season transfer movements with veteran goalkeeper Bob Catlin being probably its major capture from Newcastle United.

Other newcomers to the squad are Shane Webb from Sydney United and Young Socceroo striker Kevo Gulessarian, who has graduated from the Marconi youth team and made a good impression in last week's opener against champions Wollongong Wolves.

The Glory's confidence will be sky high after last Sunday's dream 3-1 win over South Melbourne. Bobby Despotovski continued where he left off last season bang among the goals. He bagged 17 last season, including seven penalties. His first goal in last week's brace was from the spot.

By Mel Moffat
of *The West Australian*



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Perth Glory	v	Marconi Stallions	4-0	2-0	1-0
Sydney United	v	Brisbane Strikers	Strikers	Syd Utd	Draw
Northern Spirit	v	Newcastle United	Spirit	Draw	Spirit
Football Kingz	v	South Melbourne	Sth Melb	Kingz	Sth Melb
Parramatta Power	v	Wollongong Wolves	Power	Wolves	Draw
Melbourne Knights	v	Adelaide City Force	Draw	Knights	Knights

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Perth Glory	v	Sydney United	_____
Wollongong Wolves	v	Football Kingz	_____
Adelaide City Force	v	Newcastle United	_____
Brisbane Strikers	v	Northern Spirit	_____
Olympic Sharks	v	Parramatta Power	_____
South Melbourne	v	Melbourne Knights	_____

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LAST ROUND IN REVIEW

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 PERTH GLORY 3

Perth Glory and new coach Mich d'Avray got off to a flying start with a comfortable win against last season's runners-up. After a slow start that saw ex-Glory forward Peter Buljan waste two great chances, the visitors went ahead when Bobby Despotovski scored from the spot after 21 minutes. The Perth striker made it 2-0 just before the break when he pounced on a poor clearance by keeper Chris Jones and fired home from a tight angle. His partner-in-crime Damian Mori made the game safe after 76 minutes, tapping in after more good work from Despotovski. Mori should have added to his tally late in the game, while at the other end Jason Petkovic frustrated Souths with several brilliant saves until Steve Manceski finally beat him with a close-range effort deep into injury-time.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 0 MARCONI STALLIONS 0

Defending champions Wollongong Wolves and Marconi Stallions shared the points in a lacklustre match that was delayed by almost an hour after the Marconi team bus broke down on its way to the ground. When the game eventually did get underway, it was the visitors who looked the more dangerous, with Norman Tome going closest with a powerful drive that flew just over. Former Stallion Buddy Farah almost suffered the embarrassment of scoring an own goal – keeper Dean Anastasiadis spared his blushes with a great save. Wollongong improved after the break with long-range efforts from Paul Reid and first-gamer Liam Austin not far away. But in the end, it was Marconi who were left frustrated when Tome headed against the post in the dying moments.

NEWCASTLE UNITED 1 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 0

Ian Crook enjoyed a successful start to his coaching career when he guided his new-look Newcastle United side to a deserved win over last season's minor semi-finalists, albeit minus suspended inspirational skipper Andrew Marth. Esala Masi headed the decisive goal after 51 minutes in front of the round's biggest crowd of more than 10,000. Ironically the Fijian had only come onto the pitch late in the first half when Daniel McBreen fell awkwardly and had to come off. Earlier McBreen had nearly given United the lead from Newcastle debutant Joel Griffith's cross but Martin John saved superbly. Later in the match, a clash between the Knights keeper and United's Rob Middleby resulted in a brief melee but the home side had the last laugh and more importantly, took the three points.

BRISBANE STRIKERS 2 FOOTBALL KINGZ 1

Brisbane Strikers, tipped by many as a wooden spoon candidate, kicked off their season with an upset 2-1 win over the big-spending Football Kingz. The Kingz' unsettled star signing Con Boutsianis was noticeable by his absence, and it was the Striker's own ace Fernando Rech who had the best effort early in the game, rifling a shot just over the visitor's bar. It was the Brazilian who put the Strikers in front after 22 minutes, slotting the ball home after easily beating his opponent. Brisbane continued to attack but the Kingz levelled just after the break when Paul Urlovic chased a long ball and managed to beat keeper Jason Kearton. Both teams had chances to win the match but it was Brisbane favourite Paul Foster who gave his side the perfect start, firing home with seven minutes remaining.

PARRAMATTA POWER 1 NORTHERN SPIRIT 3

Northern Spirit put aside a scoreless pre-season to come back from a goal down and blast three past fierce rivals Parramatta Power in a match that also produced the first red cards of the new season. Nick Orlic capitalised on a defensive mix-up to give the home side a dream start after only four minutes. A brilliant individual goal by Pablo Cardozo levelled proceedings five minutes later but it was the dismissal of Parramatta's David Barrett just before the break that gave the Spirit the edge. New signing John Hutchinson put them in front moments later, then another Spirit debutant Julian Watts took advantage of some poor marking to increase the lead after 49 minutes. The visitors comfortably held on despite skipper Craig Foster being given his marching orders 15 minutes from the end.

OLYMPIC SHARKS 1 SYDNEY UNITED 0

Olympic Sharks celebrated their first home match at Toyota Park with a 1-0 win in a disappointing Sydney derby. It was a miserable evening for the Bravehearts new coach Branko Culina as his former side totally outplayed them and could have won by more. In the end it was former United favourite Tom Pondeljak who created the winning goal. Veteran keeper Brett Hughes fumbled his free-kick and Dylan MacAllister was on hand to tap in. The home side should have taken the lead after just 20 minutes when Marcus Stergiopoulos was harshly ruled to have brought down Jeromy Harris in the area but Hughes easily saved Nick Carle's weak effort. United striker Ante Milicic had few opportunities to impress in his first competitive outing since returning from a four-year stint in Europe.

DID YOU KNOW?

If history is any guide, the 2001-02 NSL champion is likely to be one of the first round NSL winners; Perth Glory, Northern Spirit, Olympic Sharks, Newcastle United or Brisbane Strikers. Of the first 25 NSL seasons, 15 of the eventual champions won their first match for that season, while six had first round draws. Only four times did a team who lost their first game of the campaign eventually win that season's title.

NSL STATISTICS

LEAGUE TABLE AND FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 1

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Northern Spirit	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	+2
Perth Glory	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	+2
Brisbane Strikers	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	+1
Newcastle United	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	+1
Olympic Sharks	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	+1
Marconi Stallions	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wollongong Wolves	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Adelaide City Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Football Kingz	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Melbourne Knights	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Sydney United	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Parramatta Power	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2
South Melbourne	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2

FIXTURES THIS ROUND

Fri Oct 12	Northern Spirit	V	Newcastle United	North Sydney Oval
Fri Oct 12	Football Kingz	V	South Melbourne	Ericsson Stadium
Sat Oct 13	Parramatta Power	V	Wollongong Wolves	Parramatta Stadium
Sat Oct 13	Melbourne Knights	V	Adelaide City Force	Knights Stadium
Sun Oct 14	Sydney United	V	Brisbane Strikers	Sydney United Sports Ctr
	Olympic Sharks		Bye	

FIXTURES NEXT ROUND

Fri Oct 19	Wollongong Wolves	V	Perth Glory	WIN Stadium
Fri Oct 19	Adelaide City Force	V	Northern Spirit	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri Oct 19	Newcastle United	V	Parramatta Power	Marathon Stadium
Sat Oct 20	Marconi Stallions	V	Football Kingz	Marconi Stadium
Sat Oct 20	Olympic Sharks	V	Melbourne Knights	Toyota Park
Sun Oct 21	South Melbourne	V	Sydney United	Bob Jane Stadium
	Brisbane Strikers		Bye	

NSL STATISTICS

LEADING GOALSCORERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Last Week	Total
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	Perth Glory	2	2
Pablo CARDOZO	Northern Spirit	1	1
Paul FOSTER	Brisbane Strikers	1	1
John HUTCHINSON	Northern Spirit	1	1
Dylan MacALLISTER	Olympic Sharks	1	1
Esala MASI	Newcastle United	1	1
Steven MONCESKI	South Melbourne	1	1
Damian MORI	Perth Glory	1	1
Nick ORLIC	Parramatta Power	1	1
Fernando RECH	Brisbane Strikers	1	1
Paul URLOVIC	Football Kingz	1	1
Julian WATTS	Northern Spirit	1	1

PERTH GLORY'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Last Week	Total
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	2	2
Damian MORI	1	1

NSL STATISTICS

CROWD COMPARISON

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CROWD COMPARISON

Round 1 (2001-02)	**41,064**
Round 1 (2000-01)	**30,993**
Cumulative after Round 1 (2001-02)	**41,064**
Cumulative after Round 1 (2000-01)	**30,993**

PERTH GLORY HOME CROWD COMPARISON

Perth Glory v Marconi Stallions (2000-01)	**13,813**
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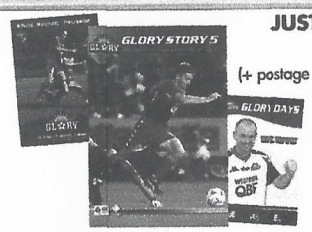

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	Perth Glory Goals				0	0	11	3	2	6	14	5	24	59	4	0	0	1	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	NSL Appearances				215	285	82	30	69	150	191	256	148	154	58	0	35	64	328	28	149	278	45	0	2	10
	NSL Goals				0	36	11	3	3	6	17	67	34	69	4	0	0	1	168	3	18	0	1	0	0	0

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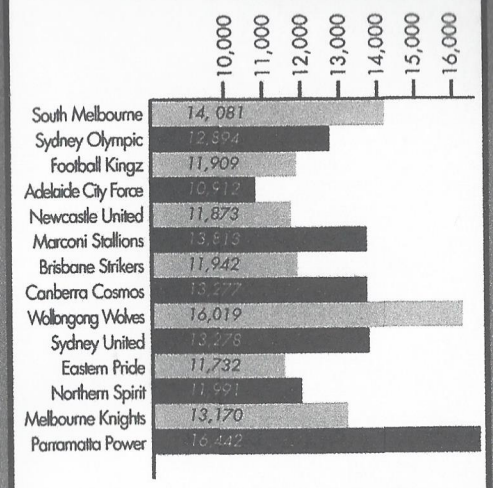

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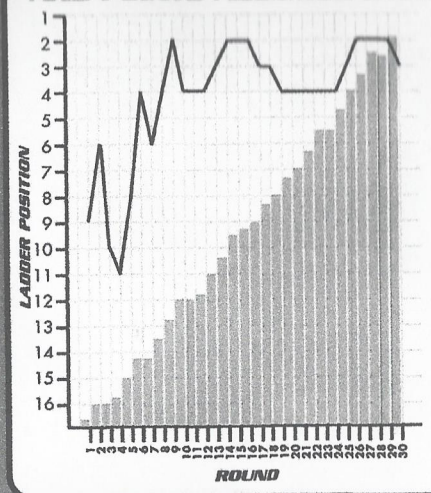

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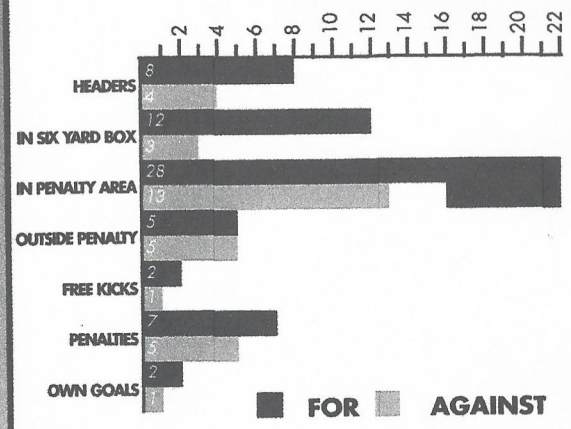

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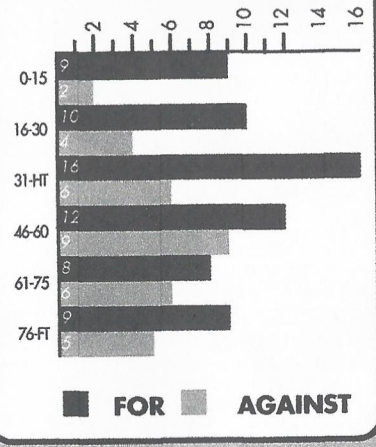

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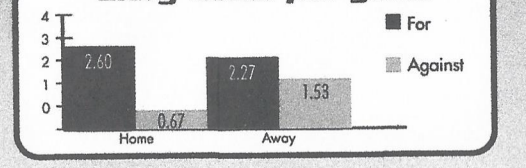

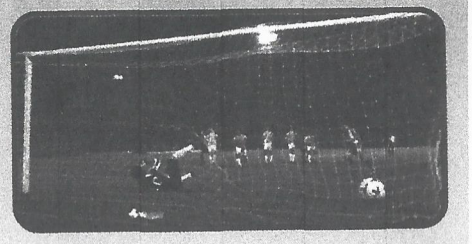

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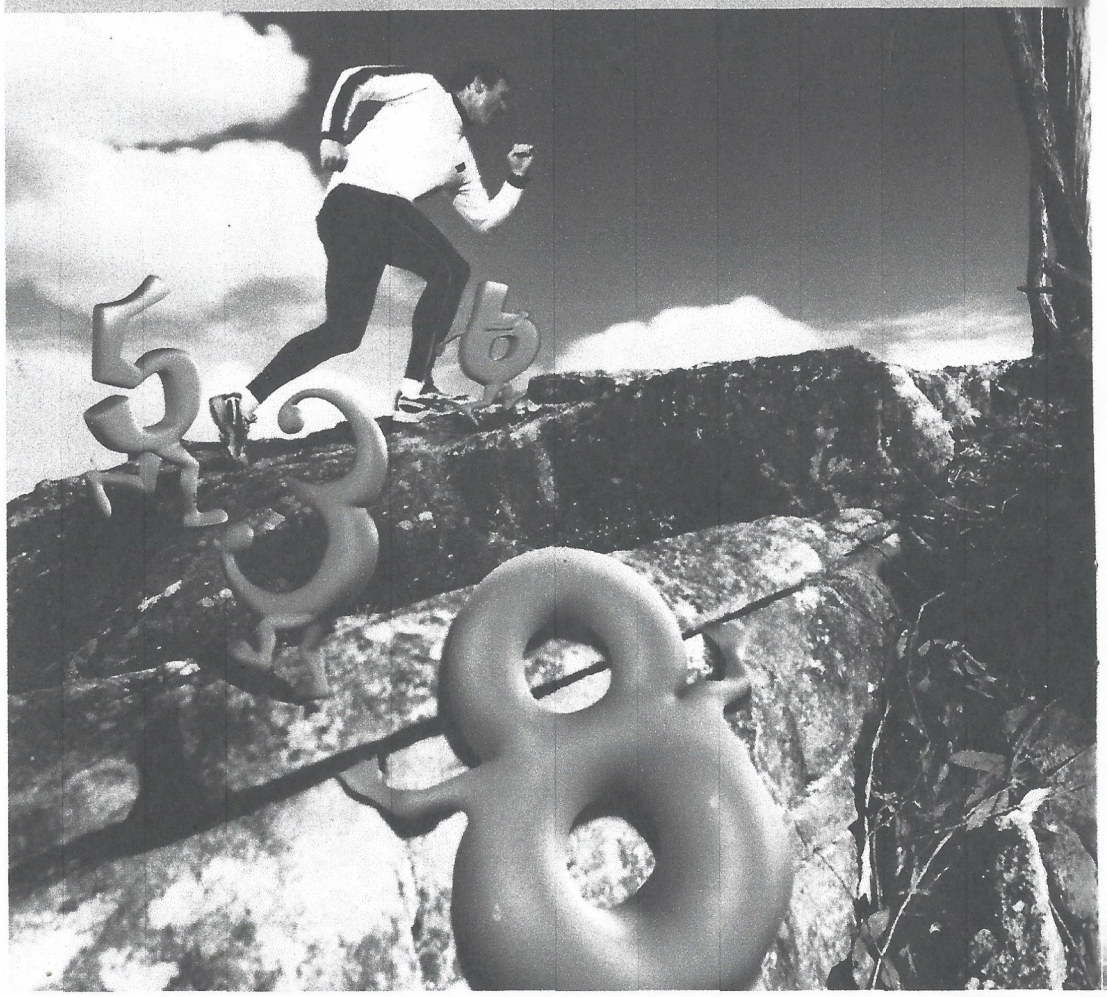

A WORD FROM THE MEN IN BLACK

To Perth Glory players, our visitors Marconi Stallions and to you the supporters, I welcome you to a new season of the NSL. On behalf of the Soccer Referees of WA, may I take this opportunity to wish all teams well in the forthcoming season. May I also thank all those supporters who took the opportunity to write to me about their concerns regarding refereeing matters. I encourage you to continue along these lines, as without your feedback, both good and bad, I am unable to gauge what you the supporters think about these issues. Please keep the comments coming, but remember, referees are human, they too make mistakes, even at the highest level. I also intend to take this opportunity to inform you that this year, the soccer referees have lost a valuable and very dedicated official, whose ageing bones are just not able to keep up with the demands of the NSL. I refer of course to Frank Moretti, affectionately known to some of you as 'Mr Bean'. Frank has provided the NSL with five years of dedicated service as an assistant referee on the national panel. To some of you that might not mean a lot, except when you consider that Frank's refereeing commitments are 12 months of the year. He officiated during the winter competition in the Soccer West Coast state league each season, then continued into the National League, then when that finished, returned to the next winter competition. So you can see his dedication to the profession has been of the highest order. On behalf of all of us, enjoy the well-earned rest and thanks for a job well done.

Naturally we have been able to replace Frank with some new blood, namely Michael Klaver. Michael is a dedicated, youthful and very talented official, who I believe has a lot of potential to go a long way as a referee. I welcome Michael onto the National League panel and wish him well. It is also necessary that I mention Michael Nugus, he came onto the panel last season and in his first year performed exceptionally well. His dedication goes without saying, in that he lives and works in Southern Cross, some 320 kilometres east of Perth, yet he travels regularly to Perth at his own expense, to follow his passion for the game.

Female fans may be pleased to know players will no longer be booked for removing their shirts after scoring

Lastly, in the next few weeks I intend to provide all of you with the changes that have been made to the laws of the game. One that will almost certainly please most of you, is that players can now remove their shirts after scoring a goal and as a result will no longer be cautioned.

Kind Regards

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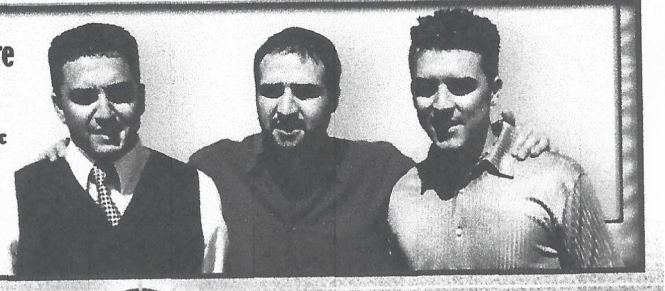

THE OPPOSITION'S STORY
MARCONI STALLIONS

HISTORY

Marconi came close to securing the first two NSL championships in 1977 and 1978, and were eventually victorious in 1979. The Stallions' real golden era started in the late 1980s with the club making three grand final appearances in a row between 1988 and 1990. Victories were achieved in 1988 (over Sydney United) and 1989 (over Sydney Olympic). Marconi's record-equalling fourth championship was secured in 1993 with a grand final win over Adelaide City.

One of only three teams to have competed in every season of the national league, Marconi holds the record for the most goals in the national league (1,132 currently) and jointly for the number of premierships won (four), along with South Melbourne and the now-extinct Sydney City.

Made the play-offs last season for the sixth successive time but new coach Lee Sterrey faces a tough task to add to that this year.

Shane Webb

Signings: Shane Webb (Syd Utd), Bob Catlin (Newcastle), Kevo Gulessarian (Marconi youth team)

Losses: Archie Thompson (Lierse – Belgium), Darren McDonald (Bellinzone FC –Switzerland), Chad Gibson (Bodo Glimt – Norway), Vlado Zoric (Home United – Singapore), David Aceski (Yugoslavia), Kris Trajanovski (Strikers), Sauturaga Junior (Cosmos), Harry Karl, John Gibson and Todd Brodie (all released), Pan Keun Kim (retired)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

PERTH GLORY V MARCONI STALLIONS PREVIOUS RESULTS

1996-97	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	1	Glory	2
1997-98	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	0	Glory	1
1998-99	In Perth	Glory	2	Stallions	2
	In Sydney	Stallions	3	Glory	4
Semi-final	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	0
1999-00	In Perth	Glory	3	Stallions	3
	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	0
	In Sydney	Stallions	1	Glory	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	3	Glory	2
2000-01	In Perth	Glory	0	Stallions	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	0	Glory	2

HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD (ALL NSL MATCHES)

v Opponent	P	W	D	L	F	A	Best result	Worst result
v Adelaide City Force	51	22	10	19	74	84	4-1	0-5
v Brisbane Strikers	21	8	4	9	29	26	5-1	0-2
v Football Kingz	4	1	0	3	4	8	3-1	0-3
v Melbourne Knights	35	13	7	15	47	49	5-0	0-6
v Newcastle United	19	4	4	11	21	32	3-1	2-5
v Northern Spirit	10	4	3	3	8	10	3-2	0-4
v Parramatta Power	4	2	1	1	5	4	2-0	0-2
v Perth Glory	13	2	5	6	16	21	3-2	0-2
v South Melbourne	48	21	10	17	80	69	7-0	1-6
v Sydney Olympic	58	16	18	24	79	81	7-1	0-5
v Sydney United	42	16	13	13	65	54	5-0	0-3
v Wollongong Wolves	43	21	10	12	83	56	6-0	0-4

LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION
MARCONI STALLIONS

COACH PROFILE

Lee Sterrey

Coaching career – National Soccer League

Seasons	Club	Games	W-D-L
1998-99 - 1999-00	Newcastle Breakers	62	25-16-21
2000-01	Newcastle United	28	5-9-14
2001-02	Marconi Stallions	1	0-1-0
TOTAL NSL		91	30-26-35

** does not include two 3-0 forfeit 'wins' against Carlton SC*

Five facts about Lee Sterrey

- Born and raised in Sydney
- Came through the junior ranks at Sydney United
- Won two NSL championships as a player with Sydney United in 1981 and 1982
- Played 101 NSL games for Sydney United, Marconi Stallions and Blacktown City between 1984 and 1989
- Coached Marconi Stallions youth teams throughout the early 1990s and was assistant coach (to Zoran Matic) of the Marconi Stallions senior team in season 1997-98

CAPTAIN PROFILE

Dominic Longo

Playing career – National Soccer League

Seasons	Club	Games	Goals
1989-90	Blacktown City	15	1
1990-91	St George	11	1
1991-92	Newcastle Breckers	20	0
1995-96 - 2001-02	Marconi Stallions	142	4
TOTAL NSL		188	6

Playing career – other leagues

Seasons	Club	Country
1992-93 - 1995-96	Cercle Bruge	Belgium

Five facts about Dominic Longo

- Born in Tasmania, came through junior ranks at Hobart Juventus
- Captained Australia at the World Youth Championships (U/16) in Canada in 1987
- Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder in 1988
- Represented Australia at U/20 level, then at U/23 level at the 1992 Olympic Games
- Played 13 games for the Socceroos between 1983 and 1988

Starting from a humble beginning with Kwinana United through to his 38 appearances in a Socceroos shirt, Robbie Dunn has had an enormously successful soccer career in Australia. As a consequence, Soccer Australia inducted him into the Australian Soccer Hall of Fame last week, with an Award of Distinction. Richard Kreider spoke to Dunn about his many experiences in the game and his secret desire to one day assist Perth Glory.

What does the Award of Distinction honour mean to you Robbie?

It came out of the blue since I had been out of the national scene for 10 years. It certainly is nice to get such an award and a great honour.

Who originally introduced you to the world game?

I was born in Paisley, Scotland and left for Australia when I was eight, so it was already in my blood. I grew up in Rockingham but in those days I had to ride a bike to Kwinana to play.

You played 38 times for your country at senior level. Are there any particular memories that stand out for you?

I have many memories. I played in the NSL for seven years and five of those were also with the Socceroos. A special memory for me is when we beat Yugoslavia in the 1988 Olympics in South Korea - when it was an open age competition. They were tipped to win the gold or silver medal but Frank Farina scored the only goal of the game. Even Charlie Yankos missed a penalty. Another was the 1988 Bicentennial Tournament win against Argentina, when they had 10 of their World Cup squad playing. That was just phenomenal.

I guess, in terms of disappointments, it would have been nice to cap off your career with a World Cup finals appearance.

The 1986 World Cup campaign meant we had to play the second team in a particular European group and that just happened to be Scotland then. We lost 2-0 at Hampden against a side that fielded the likes of Kenny Daglish. We should have beaten them in Melbourne but we could only manage a 0-0 draw.

Frank Farina has already expressed his opinion about FIFA's selection criteria that Australia has to endure. What are your thoughts on it?

Soccer is politically driven and with FIFA it's even more so. I think if the USA can qualify, so should we. If we played the USA 10 times in a row, we would beat them nine out of the 10. It's a shame Oceania isn't given a bit more respect because our top Socceroos team would see clubs from all over the world clambering to sign any of those players.

How vital is it for Australia to make the World Cup finals this time around?

It's critical, but I think it's a joke that we have to play a team from a different federation. It's this political thing again. Who would FIFA want in the World Cup finals, Brazil or Australia? In the 1985 qualifying campaign, we flew to Israel, returned to play them at home, then a few days later we had to fly to Hampden to play Scotland and return home again! Let's be fair dinkum about it.

Do you think there are too many Australians playing overseas?

We are always going to be a feeder ground for the big clubs. Personally, I think the NSL will eventually become a youth competition because if you look at the average age of the kids these days and compare them to the

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players in my day ... I was 20-years-old when I got into the NSL. It's unfortunate that the great Australian players of the future will not play here until they return and are in their 30s.

What has Perth Glory done to the NSL in your eyes?

It has made them sit up and take notice. Nick Tana and Paul Afkos have done very well. Perth Glory to me is the benchmark of Australian domestic soccer and I think they are only going to get bigger. Now with the FIFA Club World Championships, businessmen like the Tana's will be determined to participate. There is no other sporting domestic competition in Australia that offers you the chance to earn $7 million in an overseas tournament.

What is your opinion of the recent collapses of NSL clubs?

It's the tyranny of business in Australia isn't it. It's also a pity the government doesn't get behind soccer like they do with cricket and Aussie Rules. They still see it as a foreign sport and until they get behind it, we are always going to have trouble.

Do you think soccer will ever become strong in this country?

I think it is strong now Richard. The move to summer soccer was the best thing it ever did. If you notice, the Sports Tonight type shows and the media generally, are covering it because the winter sports are out of the way. I don't know if it is going to get much bigger, but I can see it getting more professional.

You must be pleased to see Channel 7 giving the NSL more exposure this season.

It's terrific for the kids especially, who can now see more soccer and who will start dreaming of seeing themselves

on TV playing for your Perth Glory's and South Melbourne's and perhaps even go on to the national scene.

Are you considering taking up another senior coaching position at any stage?

I would love nothing better than to help the Perth Glory in some capacity. I look at many of my past teammates who are now working in the NSL in various roles, including that of coach. I know I've got the communication skills and knowledge of the game as well as the respect of my peers. It's just whether or not there is an opportunity for me I guess. I wish the Glory well and if there is any chance of an involvement for Robbie Dunn, I'd love to talk to someone about it. To me, it's just a shame WA soccer can't utilise people with that sort of experience. I know I can coach and I know I can do a good job, but you can't do it unless you get asked.

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EDGAR JUNIOR
PERTH GLORY'S BRAZILIAN HERO

Those who were at Edgar Junior's first training session shared some quizzical looks. The news that Perth Glory were trialling a Brazilian had provoked great excitement.

Brazil was the land of Garrincha, of Pele, of Rivelino, of Socrates, of Zico and Ronaldo.

Every generation of soccer fan has heroes from Brazil. Mine had a whole team, the Boys from Brazil who won the 1970 World Cup and entranced a world seeing the competition through colour television for the first time.

The very word Brazilian conjured up a stereotype and now Glory, the most colourful team in the NSL was trying a player from the land of promise.

But he was a defensive midfielder!

"In Brazil we play 4-4-2," Edgar explained this week, asking if the pressure of expectation had weighed on him when he arrived.

"We have two players who are free, the playmakers, and we have two who are hard players. I am a hard player."

He is a good one too mind you. In a recent interview with The West Australian, coach Mich d'Avray said Edgar was the best import in the NSL.

Just a year ago d'Avray and then coach Bernd Stange voted Edgar the Coaches' Player of the Year.

He is a player's player, a professional's professional. He trains when asked, he plays wherever he is told to play. When he plays well, the Glory invariably win. If he has an off day, so does the team.

We might have expected 50-yard passes and 30-yard shots with the outside of the foot, instead we get crisp tackles, short, simple distribution and a quite assuredness as he goes about his business.

"We want the top two again," he says of his aims for this season.

"We want the championship. But it is hard, the final is just one game. You play bad and it is finished."

For Edgar, life is not bad. It is good. He and his family love their adopted home and he is glad to have been spared the prospect of an Australia versus Brazil World Cup qualifier play-off.

"That would have been hard. I love Australia and I love Brazil," he said.

Perhaps in the World Cup Final instead?

"Perhaps" says Edgar with a laugh.

The English in spoken terms is still not too strong, but Edgar knows what is going on.

"When Mich gives a team talk I understand 100 per cent. Sometimes the speaking is not too strong, but I understand everything."

With football as the universal language, Edgar can always be sure of making a good impression.

By Bob Figg

GLORY IN THE COMMUNITY

GLORY HITS THE ROAD

The wheels of Perth Glory's exciting new Glory in the Community programme have well and truly been set in motion ... quite literally. After making its debut on August 15 at Kinlock Primary School in Ferndale, the unmistakable Glory van is fast clocking up the kilometres as newly-appointed Community Relations Executive Jill Mateljan travels the suburbs with the Glory boys in their endeavour to give something back to the best fans in the land.

"This is a great chance for Perth Glory to say thanks," Jill said.

"The club's success would be impossible without our fantastic supporters and this is a chance to get back into the community and help out schools, community groups and clubs that want a presence at their events."

Jill Mateljan with Perth Glory's new Sales Executive Glen Austin

"The school and junior club visits in particular also offer an opportunity to cement soccer's reputation as Australia's most popular junior sport."

Keep a look out on the Glory website www.perthglory.com.au or contact the club on 9383 9911 to find out when Jill and the Glory van will be in your part of the community.

GLORY WINE CLUB

Abbey Vale Estate have teamed up with Perth Glory to offer fans the pick of their fabulous wines at fantastic prices. But that's not all. The best part is that some of your payment will directly benefit the Glory's nominated charities this season which are the Neurotrauma Research Programme and The James Crofts Hope Foundation.

The Neurotrauma Research Programme is run by the WA Institute of Medical Research to raise funds needed to conduct research to repair brain and spinal cord injuries sustained by hundreds of young West Australians every year in motor vehicle and recreational accidents. The James Crofts Hope Foundation is a charity organisation dedicated to the memory of James Crofts, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year at the age of 14. The organisation raises money for the enhancement of the quality of life and the advancement of the treatment and research of brain cancer and brain tumour patients.

Apart from assisting these extremely worthwhile causes, members of the Glory Wine Club will also receive many other benefits including an opportunity to acquire limited edition player memorabilia magnums and bottles as released, the best new releases of exclusive bottlings and access to vintage stock when released, in addition to other exclusive offers from the Glory.

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ROUND 1		**October 5-7, 2001**		
Fri	05-10-01	Wollongong Wolves	Marconi Stallions	WIN Stadium
Fri	05-10-01	Newcastle United	Melbourne Knights	Marathon Stadium
Fri	05-10-01	Brisbane Strikers	Football Kingz	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	06-10-01	Olympic Sharks	Sydney United	Toyota Park
Sat	06-10-01	Parramatta Power	Northern Spirit	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	**07-10-01**	**South Melbourne**	**Perth Glory**	**Bob Jane Stadium**
		Adelaide City Force	Bye	
ROUND 2		**October 12-14, 2001**		
Fri	12-10-01	Northern Spirit	Newcastle United	North Sydney Oval
Fri	12-10-01	Football Kingz	South Melbourne	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	13-10-01	Parramatta Power	Wollongong Wolves	Parramatta Stadium
Sat	**13-10-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Marconi Stallions**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	13-10-01	Melbourne Knights	Adelaide City Force	Knights Stadium
Sun	14-10-01	Sydney United	Brisbane Strikers	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Olympic Sharks	Bye	
ROUND 3		**October 19-21, 2001**		
Fri	**19-10-01**	**Wollongong Wolves**	**Perth Glory**	**WIN Stadium**
Fri	19-10-01	Adelaide City Force	Northern Spirit	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	19-10-01	Newcastle United	Parramatta Power	Marathon Stadium
Sat	20-10-01	Marconi Stallions	Football Kingz	Marconi Stadium
Sat	20-10-01	Olympic Sharks	Melbourne Knight	Toyota Park
Sun	21-10-01	South Melbourne	Sydney United	Bob Jane Stadium
		Brisbane Strikers	Bye	
ROUND 4		**October 26-28, 2001**		
Fri	26-10-01	Newcastle United	Wollongong Wolves	Marathon Stadium
Fri	26-10-01	Northern Spirit	Olympic Sharks	North Sydney Oval
Fri	**26-10-01**	**Football Kingz**	**Perth Glory**	**North Harbour Stadium**
Sat	27-10-01	Parramatta Power	Adelaide City Force	Parramatta Stadium
Sat	27-10-01	Melbourne Knights	Brisbane Strikers	Knights Stadium
Sun	28-10-01	Sydney United	Marconi Stallions	Sydney United Sports Centre
		South Melbourne	Bye	
ROUND 5		**November 2-4, 2001**		
Fri	02-11-01	Wollongong Wolves	Football Kingz	WIN Stadium
Fri	02-11-01	Adelaide City Force	Newcastle United	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	**03-11-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Sydney United**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	03-11-01	Brisbane Strikers	Northern Spirit	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	03-11-01	Olympic Sharks	Parramatta Power	Toyota Park
Sun	04-11-01	South Melbourne	Melbourne Knights	Bob Jane Stadium
		Marconi Stallions	Bye	
ROUND 6		**November 9-10, 2001**		
Fri	09-11-01	Adelaide City Force	Wollongong Wolves	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	09-11-01	Newcastle United	Olympic Sharks	Marathon Stadium
Fri	09-11-01	Northern Spirit	South Melbourne	North Sydney Oval
Fri	09-11-01	Parramatta Power	Brisbane Strikers	Parramatta Stadium
Fri	09-11-01	Melbourne Knights	Marconi Stallions	Knights Stadium
Fri	09-11-01	Sydney United	Football Kingz	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Perth Glory	**Bye**	
ROUND 7		**November 14-18, 2001**		
Wed	14-11-01	Olympic Sharks	Adelaide City Force	Toyota Park
Sat	17-11-01	Wollongong Wolves	Sydney United	WIN Stadium
Sat	**17-11-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	17-11-01	Marconi Stallions	Northern Spirit	Marconi Stadium
Sat	17-11-01	Brisbane Strikers	Newcastle United	Ballymore Stadium
Sun	18-11-01	South Melbourne	Parramatta Power	Bob Jane Stadium
		Football Kingz	Bye	

ROUND 8		**November 21, 2001**		
Wed	21-11-01	Adelaide City Force	Brisbane Strikers	Hindmarsh Stadium
Wed	**21-11-01**	**Northern Spirit**	**Perth Glory**	**North Sydney Oval**
Wed	21-11-01	Olympic Sharks	Wollongong Wolves	Toyota Park
Wed	21-11-01	Parramatta Power	Marconi Stallions	Parramatta Stadium
Wed	21-11-01	Melbourne Knights	Football Kingz	Knights Stadium
Wed	21-11-01	South Melbourne	Newcastle United	Bob Jane Stadium
		Sydney United	Bye	
ROUND 9		**November 30-December 4, 2001**		
Fri	30-11-01	Football Kingz	Northern Spirit	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	**01-12-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Parramatta Power**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	01-12-01	Marconi Stallions	Newcastle United	Marconi Stadium
Sat	01-12-01	Brisbane Strikers	Olympic Sharks	Ballymore Stadium
Sun	02-12-01	Sydney United	Melbourne Knights	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	02-12-01	South Melbourne	Adelaide City Force	Bob Jane Stadium
		Wollongong Wolves	Bye	
ROUND 10		**December 7-9, 2001**		
Fri	07-12-01	Adelaide City Force	Marconi Stallions	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	**07-12-01**	**Newcastle United**	**Perth Glory**	**Marathon Stadium**
Fri	07-12-01	Northern Spirit	Sydney United	North Sydney Oval
Sat	08-12-01	Brisbane Strikers	Wollongong Wolves	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	08-12-01	Olympic Sharks	South Melbourne	Toyota Park
Sat	08-12-01	Parramatta Power	Football Kingz	Parramatta Stadium
		Melbourne Knights	Bye	
ROUND 11		**December 14-18, 2001**		
Fri	14-12-01	South Melbourne	Brisbane Strikers	Bob Jane Stadium
Fri	14-12-01	Football Kingz	Newcastle United	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	**15-12-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Adelaide City Force**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	15-12-01	Marconi Stallions	Olympic Sharks	Marconi Stadium
Sun	16-12-01	Sydney United	Parramatta Power	Sydney United Sports Centre
Tues	18-12-01	Wollongong Wolves	Melbourne Knights	WIN Stadium
		Northern Spirit	Bye	
ROUND 12		**December 21-23, 2001**		
Fri	21-12-01	Adelaide City Force	Football Kingz	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	21-12-01	Newcastle United	Sydney United	Marathon Stadium
Fri	21-12-01	Northern Spirit	Melbourne Knights	North Sydney Oval
Sat	22-12-01	Brisbane Strikers	Marconi Stallions	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	**22-12-01**	**Olympic Sharks**	**Perth Glory**	**Toyota Park**
Sun	23-12-01	South Melbourne	Wollongong Wolves	Bob Jane Stadium
		Parramatta Power	Bye	
ROUND 13		**January 4-6, 2002**		
Fri	04-01-02	Wollongong Wolves	Northern Spirit	WIN Stadium
Fri	04-01-02	Football Kingz	Olympic Sharks	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	**05-01-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Brisbane Strikers**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	05-01-02	Marconi Stallions	South Melbourne	Marconi Stadium
Sat	05-01-02	Melbourne Knights	Parramatta Power	Knights Stadium
Sun	06-01-02	Sydney United	Adelaide City Force	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Newcastle United	Bye	
ROUND 14		**January 11-13, 2002**		
Fri	11-01-02	Football Kingz	Brisbane Strikers	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	11-01-02	Northern Spirit	Parramatta Power	North Sydney Oval
Sat	12-01-02	Marconi Stallions	Wollongong Wolves	Marconi Stadium
Sat	**12-01-02**	**Perth Glory**	**South Melbourne**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	12-01-02	Melbourne Knights	Newcastle United	Knights Stadium
Sun	13-01-02	Sydney United	Olympic Sharks	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Adelaide City Force	Bye	

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ROUND 15		**January 18-20, 2002**		
Fri	18-01-02	Wollongong Wolves	Parramatta Power	WIN Stadium
Fri	18-01-02	Newcastle United	Northern Spirit	Marathon Stadium
Fri	18-01-02	Adelaide City Force	Melbourne Knights	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	19-01-02	Brisbane Strikers	Sydney United	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	**19-01-02**	**Marconi Stallions**	**Perth Glory**	**Marconi Stadium**
Sun	20-01-02	South Melbourne	Football Kingz	Bob Jane Stadium
		Olympic Sharks	Bye	
ROUND 16		**January 25-27, 2002**		
Fri	25-01-02	Football Kingz	Marconi Stallions	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	25-01-02	Northern Spirit	Adelaide City Force	North Sydney Oval
Sat	26-01-02	Parramatta Power	Newcastle United	Parramatta Stadium
Sat	26-01-02	Melbourne Knights	Olympic Sharks	Knights Stadium
Sun	**27-01-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Wollongong Wolves**	**Perth Oval**
Sun	27-01-02	Sydney United	South Melbourne	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Brisbane Strikers	Bye	
ROUND 17		**February 1-2, 2002**		
Fri	01-02-02	Wollongong Wolves	Newcastle United	WIN Stadium
Fri	01-02-02	Adelaide City Force	Parramatta Power	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	02-02-02	Olympic Sharks	Northern Spirit	Toyota Park
Sat	02-02-02	Brisbane Strikers	Melbourne Knights	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	02-02-02	Marconi Stallions	Sydney United	Marconi Stadium
Sat	**02-02-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Football Kingz**	**Perth Oval**
		South Melbourne	Bye	
ROUND 18		**February 8-10, 2002**		
Fri	08-02-02	Football Kingz	Wollongong Wolves	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	08-02-02	Northern Spirit	Brisbane Strikers	North Sydney Oval
Fri	08-02-02	Newcastle United	Adelaide City Force	Marathon Stadium
Sat	09-02-02	Melbourne Knights	South Melbourne	Knights Stadium
Sat	09-02-02	Parramatta Power	Olympic Sharks	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	**10-02-02**	**Sydney United**	**Perth Glory**	**Sydney United Sports Centre**
		Marconi Stallions	Bye	
ROUND 19		**February 15-17, 2002**		
Fri	15-02-02	Football Kingz	Sydney United	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	16-02-02	Wollongong Wolves	Adelaide City Force	WIN Stadium
Sat	16-02-02	Olympic Sharks	Newcastle United	Toyota Park
Sat	16-02-02	Brisbane Strikers	Parramatta Power	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	16-02-02	Marconi Stallions	Melbourne Knights	Marconi Stadium
Sun	17-02-02	South Melbourne	Northern Spirit	Bob Jane Stadium
		Perth Glory	**Bye**	
ROUND 20		**February 22-24, 2002**		
Fri	22-02-02	Northern Spirit	Marconi Stallions	North Sydney Oval
Fri	22-02-02	Newcastle United	Brisbane Strikers	Marathon Stadium
Fri	22-02-02	Adelaide City Force	Olympic Sharks	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	**23-02-02**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Perth Glory**	****TBA**
Sat	23-02-02	Parramatta Power	South Melbourne	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	24-02-02	Sydney United	Wollongong Wolves	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Football Kingz	Bye	
ROUND 21		**March 1-3, 2002**		
Fri	01-03-02	Wollongong Wolves	Olympic Sharks	WIN Stadium
Fri	01-03-02	Football Kingz	Melbourne Knights	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	01-03-02	Newcastle United	South Melbourne	Marathon Stadium
Sat	02-03-02	Brisbane Strikers	Adelaide City Force	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	02-03-02	Marconi Stallions	Parramatta Power	Marconi Stadium
Sat	**02-03-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Northern Spirit**	**Perth Oval**
		Sydney United	Bye	

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ROUND 22		**March 8-9, 2002**		
Fri	08-03-02	Northern Spirit	Football Kingz	North Sydney Oval
Fri	08-03-02	Newcastle United	Marconi Stallions	Marathon Stadium
Fri	08-03-02	Adelaide City Force	South Melbourne	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	**09-03-02**	**Parramatta Power**	**Perth Glory**	**Parramatta Stadium**
Sat	09-03-02	Olympic Sharks	Brisbane Strikers	Toyota Park
Sat	09-03-02	Melbourne Knights	Sydney United	Knights Stadium
		Wollongong Wolves	Bye	
ROUND 23		**March 15-17, 2002**		
Fri	15-03-02	Wollongong Wolves	Brisbane Strikers	WIN Stadium
Fri	15-03-02	Football Kingz	Parramatta Power	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	16-03-02	Marconi Stallions	Adelaide City Force	Marconi Stadium
Sat	**16-03-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Newcastle United**	**Perth Oval**
Sun	17-03-02	South Melbourne	Olympic Sharks	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	17-03-02	Sydney United	Northern Spirit	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Melbourne Knights	Bye	
ROUND 24		**March 22-24, 2002**		
Fri	22-03-02	Newcastle United	Football Kingz	Marathon Stadium
Fri	**22-03-02**	**Adelaide City Force**	**Perth Glory**	**Hindmarsh Stadium**
Sat	23-03-02	Parramatta Power	Sydney United	Parramatta Stadium
Sat	23-03-02	Olympic Sharks	Marconi Stallions	Toyota Park
Sat	23-03-02	Brisbane Strikers	South Melbourne	Ballymore Stadium
Sat	23-03-02	Melbourne Knights	Wollongong Wolves	Knights Stadium
		Northern Spirit	Bye	
ROUND 25		**March 28-April 1, 2002**		
Thur	28-03-02	Wollongong Wolves	South Melbourne	WIN Stadium
Fri	29-03-02	Football Kingz	Adelaide City Force	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	30-03-02	Marconi Stallions	Brisbane Strikers	Marconi Stadium
Sat	30-03-02	Melbourne Knights	Northern Spirit	Knights Stadium
Sat	**30-03-02**	**Perth Glory**	**Olympic Sharks**	**Perth Oval**
Sun	31-03-02	Sydney United	Newcastle United	Sydney United Sports Centre
		Parramatta Power	Bye	
ROUND 26		**April 7, 2002**		
Sun	07-04-02	Northern Spirit	Wollongong Wolves	North Sydney Oval
Sun	07-04-02	Adelaide City Force	Sydney United	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sun	07-04-02	Parramatta Power	Melbourne Knights	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	07-04-02	Olympic Sharks	Football Kingz	Toyota Park
Sun	**07-04-02**	**Brisbane Strikers**	**Perth Glory**	**Ballymore Stadium**
Sun	07-04-02	South Melbourne	Marconi Stallions	Bob Jane Stadium
		Newcastle United	Bye	

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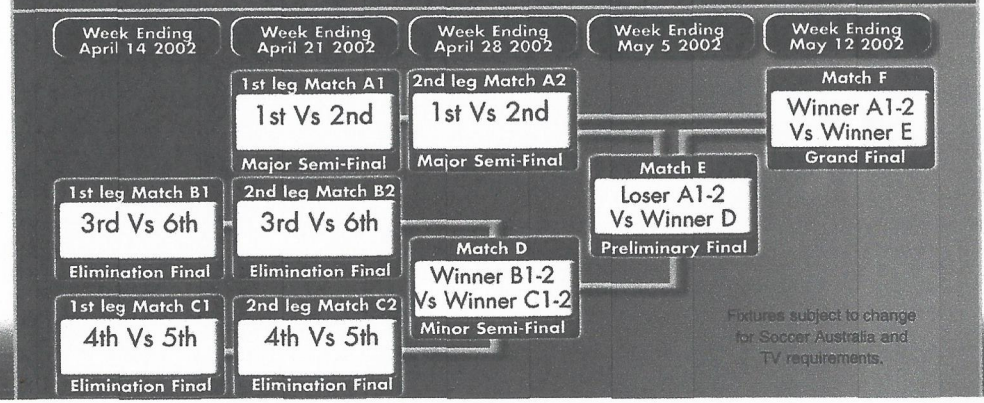

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Spotlight On

GARY FARIA

Place And Date Of Birth: Fremantle, April 4, 1979

Height: 170cm

Weight: 74kg

Perth Glory Playing Number: 17

Position: Midfield

Representative Honours: WA State Team, WA Schoolboys

Other Senior Clubs Played For: Fremantle City

Best Aspect Of Your Game: Passing

Worst Aspect Of Your Game: Heading

Most Memorable Match Played In: First game for the Glory

Most Embarrassing Moment On A Soccer Pitch: When I was playing U/14s and I missed an open goal – there was no keeper or anything – it was an open goal

Funniest Teammate: Shane Pryce

Best Soccer Match Ever Seen: Recently, it would have to be Newcastle and Man United (4-3 to Newcastle)

Most Admired Sportsperson (non-soccer): Pat Rafter

Childhood Soccer Hero: Rui Costa

Best Player In The NSL: Edgar

Best Aussie Playing Overseas: Harry Kewell

Best Player In The World: Rui Costa

Favourite Overseas Club: Real Madrid

Advice To Youngsters: Listen to your coach

Other Interests / Hobbies: Golf and fishing

Favourite TV Show: Friends

TV Show You Can't Stand: Can't think of one

Favourite Movie: Remember The Titans

Favourite Actor & Actress: Nicholas Cage and Sandra Bullock

Favourite Food: Seafood

Food You Can't Stand: Soup ... any soup

Favourite Drink: Non-alcoholic – Lemonade; Alcoholic - Corona

Bad Habits: Biting my nails

Superstitions: None

Mich d'Avray presents Matt Horsley with his Perth Glory playing shirt

Perth Oval has been known as an "arena of fear". It's a ploy that certainly impacted on some teams, with players being apprehensive about visiting the so-called wild west. All it lacked was the barking command of: "Halt, who goes there? Friend or foe."

Wollongong Wolves may not have given the impression of being intimidated too often ... having won twice in their first three regular-season visits ... but their former captain, Matt Horsley, said that facing the Glory's vocal supporters certainly had some players quaking at the knees.

"Normally I'd be here as a foe, but I'm glad I'm a friend this time," said Horsley, who has signed a three-year contract with the Perth club and will doubtless be treated to a deafening roar of encouragement when he plays his first home game tonight ... as will probably all members of the team after last week's sensational start to the season against South Melbourne.

"It can be daunting to some coming to Perth ... the home support is fantastic and it's worth a goal start when you take on some clubs," said Horsley.

"I'm just glad the fans will be cheering for me this time. It's a fabulous atmosphere and it will be very special when I run out against Marconi."

Horsley has experienced some personal lows and a particular high previously in Perth.

The high was coming from a three-goal half-time deficit to draw 3-3 and then win a penalty shoot-out at Subiaco Oval in 2000 for the Wolves' first grand final victory.

Horsley also captained the Wollongong side to a successful title defence last season when the pride of the steel town outclassed South Melbourne to win 2-1 with second-half goals from Saso Petrovski and Stuart Young, who finished off a cross from man-of-the-match Horsley.

The 29-year-old right-flanker now wants to make it a unique hat-trick.

"There can't be many players who have won three successive championship medals ... it would be nice to be one of them," he said.

The only club ever to have won three crowns on the trot was the now defunct Sydney City from 1980 to 1982.

"The Glory certainly has the potential to win the league this season, so I reckon I've a good chance of fulfilling my dream," said Horsley.

"The Glory has been one of the best teams around in the past few years and might be an even better unit this time.

"Last year when I was with the Wolves we always felt

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we could get a goal or two against Perth by exploiting some of the weaknesses.

"But since I've been here, under Mich d'Avray we've been working hard on improving the system, tightening up defensively, becoming a better unit, having a better structure. There's a good understanding in the squad and there are a lot of good players with the club."

Horsley regards Perth Oval as offering the best playing surface in the NSL ... and that, too, is a major plus for the home side.

"We've got quality players and it gives you a chance to play some quality football when you've got such a good pitch," he said. "I just wish every other club in the NSL was the same, for that would help the final product.

"Hindmarsh Stadium (in Adelaide) has always been regarded as the top surface, but it's a different type of grass and is quite slippery. I prefer Perth Oval. You are always guaranteed a good honest bounce."

It was a big call for Horsley to leave his native Wollongong. He started with the Wolves in 1988, the year the club won the minor premiership, and captained the side for the last six years.

But, even though he was involved full-time in soccer ... he was the Wolves development officer for the past few seasons ... he wasn't training as a full-timer and was keen to experience the demands of running, turning, stretching and kicking a ball every day.

"I wanted to go the full hog," he said. "It's been great so far. I feel fit, probably the fittest I've been, and you can only improve when you're doing something you love every day.

Matt Horsley and Alex Tobin (left in middle row) took on players from the other football codes recently on Channel 7's The Weakest Link.

"I'm sure it will help me stretch my career. Ideally, you're at your peak in soccer from 28 to 32. I hope to go on until I'm at least 34. If I'm required, maybe I'll still be in Perth.

"If you look after yourself you can get a few extra years. I used to play alongside (former Socceroo) Charlie Yankos, who was getting towards the end of his career. He was slow but was a great reader of the game. It was quite an experience ... one I think I've learned from."

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PRE-SEASON SA TRIP

After a solid 4-1 win against state league side Swan IC the previous week, with goals to Damian Mori, Bobby Despotovski and Nick Mrdja (2), the Glory headed to Adelaide for two games. As they did on the corresponding trip last year, they kicked off against SA state league side Adelaide Blue Eagles, before meeting Parramatta Power, tipped by many to be one of the NSL's big improvers this season. As well as providing players with valuable match fitness, the games also gave new coach Mich d'Avray the opportunity to try a few ideas and see how some of his younger players fared against quality opposition.

GAME 1: ADELAIDE BLUE EAGLES 0 PERTH GLORY 4

(match abandoned after 75 minutes due to a waterlogged pitch)

The Glory began with a convincing win over the powerful Adelaide Blue Eagles who easily won the local SA competition last season. Perth fielded a strong starting line-up and when heavy rain and a waterlogged pitch forced the referee to call a halt to proceedings after 75 minutes, the Glory were leading 4-0. Dion Valle put the visitors ahead before last season's leading NSL goalscorer Mori made it 2-0 at the break. The Glory continued to attack after the interval and were rewarded with Despotovski scoring twice to complete a comfortable victory.

Perth Glory Line-up: Petkovic, Valle, Deans, Horsley, J Harnwell, Miller, Maloney, Despotovski, Edgar, Mori, Garcia

Dion Valle opened the scoring against Adelaide Blue Eagles

Nick Mrdja scored against Parramatta to make it three goals in two games

GAME 2: PERTH GLORY 2 PARRAMATTA POWER 2

Perth rounded off a successful three-day trip with an entertaining 2-2 draw against fellow NSL side Parramatta Power. D'Avray took the opportunity to give some of his younger players a run, resting several stars. The Power took the lead through Ahmed Elrich but Nick Mrdja continued his pre-season goalscoring form to equalise. Parramatta regained the lead when Elrich grabbed his second only for the Glory to draw level again courtesy of an own goal.

Perth Glory Line-up: Petkovic, Deans, (J Harnwell), Miller (Mori), Maloney, Edwards, Valle, Pryce (Edgar), Naglieri (Despotovski), T Harnwell (Horsley), Mrdja, Garcia

After returning from SA, the Glory continued their pre-season workout with a 6-0 demolition of state league side Inglewood Falcons. Brazilian triallist Miro started for the Glory, who took 33 minutes to open the scoring through Scott Miller. Edgar Junior and Despotovski made it 3-0 by half-time, before Mori, Alistair Edwards and Miller with his second completed the scoring.

Brazilian triallist Miro made his Glory debut against Inglewood Falcons

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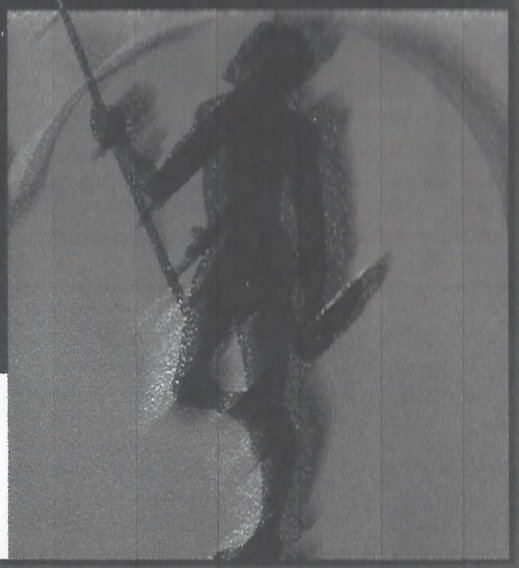

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VISIT OF NORTHERN SPIRIT

GAME 1: PERTH GLORY 1 NORTHERN SPIRIT 0

The Glory came away from their toughest pre-season workout so far with a 1-0 win in an extremely competitive match against a new-look Northern Spirit outfit that included former Glory boy Rob Trajkovski. A tremendous first-half free-kick by Bobby Despotovski proved the difference after Ryan Griffiths had earlier squandered a golden chance for the visitors, then directed a header against the bar.

Exciting on-trial Perth striker Andres Oliveira came on late in the game and could have made it 2-0 but his hurried shot bobbled just wide, while another triallist Corey Hugo looked comfortable after replacing Jason Petkovic at half-time.

Triallist Andres Oliveira almost scored on his Glory debut

Alistair Edwards signing autographs in Kalgoorlie

GAME 2: PERTH GLORY 0 NORTHERN SPIRIT 0

The two teams travelled to Kalgoorlie for the second of three matches and, like their first encounter, this wasn't a clash for the faint-hearted. In driving wind and rain, referee Eddie Lennie requested Despotovski and Noel Spencer be substituted – rather than sent off – following a fiery clash after just seven minutes. Guest keeper Gareth Deeg was also "replaced" after bringing down Griffiths on the edge of the box – with Dion Valle forced to don the gloves. Damian Mori went closest for the Glory when he hit the bar, while David Tarka, back from the AIS, came on at half-time. However, all hostilities were forgotten the next day when both sides got together to take a group of local youngsters for a training session and sign autographs.

GAME 3: PERTH GLORY 1 NORTHERN SPIRIT 0

Perth wrapped up the mini-series against the Spirit with a 1-0 win courtesy of a spectacular long-range effort by Alistair Edwards four minutes from time. For the third time in as many matches the Perth defence kept their visitors scoreless. Mich d'Avray took the opportunity to rest many of his senior players, giving the younger players a chance to prove themselves, but it was a brilliant one-handed save by the experienced Jason Petkovic that denied Griffiths early. Petkovic was again called into action in the closing minutes and did well to tip Pablo Cardozo's powerful drive over the bar. However, with a second successive 0-0 draw looming, Matt Horsley led a Glory counter-attack and found Edwards who strode forward before unleashing an unstoppable low drive into the far corner from 30 yards.

David Tarka impressed in his first outings for the Glory

The Glory completed an unbeaten pre-season and recorded their fourth successive clean sheet with a 7-0 trouncing of state league side Sorrento. Despotovski grabbed a hat-trick, while Horsley scored his first for his new team, with Edwards and Mori completing the scoring.

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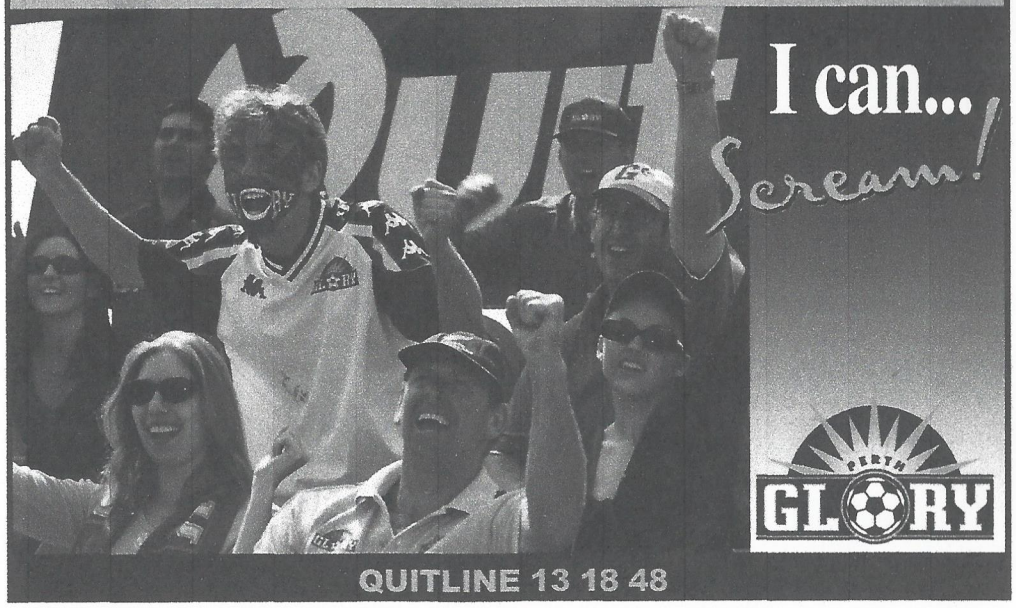

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PERTH GLORY ON THE ROAD

South Melbourne 1
Manceski 93

Perth Glory 3
Despotovski 21 (pen), 44
Mori 76

Half-Time Score: 0-2 **Attendance:** 7,632

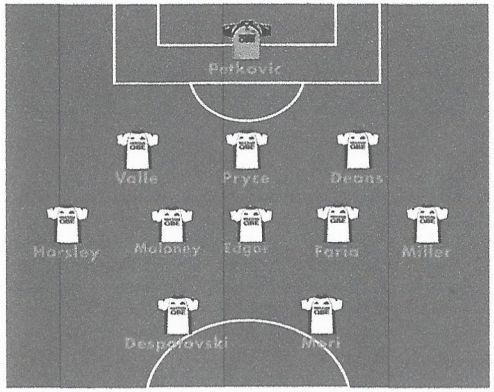
Yellow Cards:
Perth Glory – Dion Valle, Edgar Junior
South Melbourne – Joe Bacak

Perth Glory made a dream start to their title challenge with a 3-1 win away to the reigning minor premiers. The competition's hottest strikeforce continued where they left off last season with Bobby Despotovski scoring twice in the first half and Damian Mori adding a third 14 minutes from time. It might not have been the most fluent of performances from the Glory but Mich d'Avray was delighted to take three points from his first game in charge. Former Glory boy Peter Buljan had the best chances early but squandered two one-on-one efforts and it was against the run of play when Perth went ahead after a brilliant burst from Edgar Junior was illegally halted in the area. Souths and their fans were far from happy with the decision but Despotovski easily beat Chris Jones from the spot. A terrible defensive blunder seconds before the break saw Despotovski make it 2-0 after he intercepted Jones' weak clearance and squeezed the ball home from a tight angle. The second period began like the first with Buljan wasting a great opportunity, then Jason Petkovic denied him and Clayton Bell in quick succession. Any hopes the home side had of getting back into the game were dashed when Mori rolled the ball into an unguarded net after 76 minutes following more brilliant work from Despotovski. Mori should have added to his tally late in the game but it was Souths who netted the final goal when substitute Steve Manceski tapped in from close range deep into injury-time.

Mich d'Avray's Reaction: "I'm very happy with the result. It's always nice to get your first win under your belt."

"I thought we worked very hard as a unit but we gave the ball away too easily."

Best For Perth Glory: Bobby Despotovski, Jason Petkovic, Matt Horsley, Edgar Junior.



Subs: Michael Garcia for Valle (83 mins), Alistair Edwards for Faria (89 mins), Todd Harnwell for Bobby Despotovski (90 mins)

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PERTH GLORY'S CHALLENGERS

ADELAIDE CITY FORCE

Coach: Zoran Matic

Major Ins: Alex Moreira (Spirit), Jeff Campbell (Kingz), Matthew Kemp (Spal – Italy)

Major Outs: Kosta Salapasidis (Kallithea – Greece), Brad Hassell, Claudio Pelosi, Gianluca Lagati, Fabrizio Bucciarelli (all released)

Started last season disastrously, losing their opening three games and despite a mid-season revival, missed the play-offs for the first time in 11 seasons. Made three off-season signings but will again rely heavily on former internationals Aurelio Vidmar and Carl Veart. Time for some of their promising younger players to step up a notch but a top-six position looks highly unlikely – in fact veteran coach Zoran Matic will do well to keep his side out of the bottom four.

Last Season: 7th

BRISBANE STRIKERS

Kearton

Coach: John Kosmina

Major Ins: Jason Kearton (Crewe Alexandra - England), Kris Trajanovski (Stallions), John Carbone (Glory), Richie Alagich (Sth Melb), Matt McKay (AIS)

Major Outs: Wayne Srhoj, Jeromy Harris, Jade North (all Sharks), Peter Buljan (Sth Melb), Chay Hews (IF Sylvia – Sweden), Glenn Gwynne, Nick Meredith, Peter Dwyer (all retired)

After being granted a reprieve following their axing from the NSL at the end of last season, the Strikers will be desperate to improve their standing this season, both on and off the pitch. However, season 2001-02 could be another long one after the departure of several extremely promising youngsters. Picked up a class keeper and managed to hold onto the exciting Fernando Rech but although capable of an upset on their day, will probably be battling it out at the wrong end of the table.

Last Season: 12th

FOOTBALL KINGZ

Coach: Mike Petersen

Major Ins: Con Boutsianis, Andy Vlahos (both Sth Melb), George Goutzioulis (Sharks), Vinko Buljubasic (Glory), Hiroshi Miyazawa (Cosmos), Mark Atkinson (Pride), John Markovski (Carlton)

Major Outs: Michael Cartwright (Spirit), Jeff Campbell (Force), Dennis Ibrahim (Admira Wacker - Austria), Chris Jackson (Stockport County – England), Andreas Bluhm (Germany), Noah Hickey (Finland)

Enjoyed a creditable second year in the competition. In the end it was probably a lack of consistency and an average home record that was the difference between a finals place and eighth spot. Recruited heavily in the off-season. Scoring goals wasn't a problem for the Kingz last campaign and it shouldn't be this season either. However, if they can get it right at the other end, they should go close to grabbing a top-six place.

Last Season: 8th

MARCONI STALLIONS

Coach: Lee Sterrey

Major Ins: Shane Webb (Syd Utd), Bob Catlin (Newcastle), Kevo Gulessarian (Stallions youth team)

Major Outs: Archie Thompson (Lierse – Belgium), David Aceski (Yugoslavia), Buddy Farah (Wolves), Kris Trajanovski (Strikers), Darren McDonald (Bellinzone FC – Switzerland), Chad Gibson (Bodo Glimt – Norway), Vlado Zoric (Home United – Singapore)

Made the play-offs last season, despite winning only two of their last seven games but never really looked like threatening for the title. The loss of a number of solid, experienced players won't help what already looms as a tough job for new coach Lee Sterrey. With no Archie Thompson, it's difficult to see where the goals are going to come from again and difficult to see the Stallions extending their run of six successive play-off appearances.

Last Season: 5th

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Coach: Andrew Marth

Major Ins: Joe Tricarico (Carlton), Boris Ovcin (Dandenong, Vic), Daniel Piorkowski (Knights youth team)

Major Outs: Lubo Lapsansky (Power), Adrian Cervinski, Lupce Acevski (both Spirit), Hrvoje Matkovic (Home United – Singapore), Ransford Banini, Dragi Nastevski (both released)

After the mid-season pick-up of Carlton trio Andrew Marth, Steve Horvat and Lubo Lapsansky, the Knights recovered from a slow start to make the play-offs last season. However, the loss of several players, including Lapsansky, will hurt them. Difficult to beat at their hostile Knights Stadium but will again rely heavily on the inspirational but aging Marth. Hard to see them making the same impact as last season and would need everything to fall into place to be a serious top-six contender.

Last Season: 6th

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Griffiths

Coach: Ian Crook

Major Ins: Milan Blagojevic, Joel Griffiths (both Power), Robbie Middleby, Daniel Beltrame (both Wolves),

Matthew Bingley (Spirit), Scott Baillie (Sharks)

Major Outs: John Buonavoglia (Power), Bob Catlin (Stallions), Anthony Magnacca (Norway)

Following their best-ever NSL finish the year before, last season was one Newcastle would rather forget - a lack of points and goals saw only Eastern Pride finish below them. However, fans hold high hopes of a revival this year despite the loss of star striker John Buonavoglia. New coach Ian Crook has signed some quality players with plenty of NSL experience. Expect a vast improvement but a finals spot may be just out of reach.

Last Season: 14th

THE NATIONAL SCENE

PERTH GLORY'S CHALLENGERS

NORTHERN SPIRIT

Coach: Mick Hickman

Major Ins: Pablo Cardozo (Sharks), Andrew McDermott (Notts County – England), Julian Watts (Luton Town – England), Adrian Cervinski (Knights), Rob Trajkovski (Glory), John Hutchinson (Pride)

Major Outs: Ben Burgess, Stuart Howson (both Blackburn Rovers – England), Matthew Langdon (Power), Matthew Bingley (Newcastle), Mark Rudan (Alemmania Aachen – Germany), Alex Moreira (Force), Lee Feeney (Glasgow Rangers – Scotland), Ian Crook (retired)

Hard to understand how a side with so much individual talent could have such a woeful time as the Spirit did last year. However, they'll start this season as one of the early fancies after an impressive off-season splurge. Anything less than a top-six finish will be a disaster for last season's biggest underachievers and don't be surprised if experienced coach Mick Hickman takes them a fair bit further than that.

Last Season: 13th

OLYMPIC SHARKS (formerly Sydney Olympic)

Coach: Gary Phillips

Major Ins: Wayne Srhoj, Jeromy Harris, Jade North (all Strikers), Tom Pondeljak (Syd Utd)

Major Outs: Pablo Cardozo (Spirit), George Goutzioulis (Kingz), Scott Baillie (Newcastle), Kresimir Marusic, Ante Moric (both Syd Utd)

Surprised many last season when they finished third after losing a number of stars. Snapped up some of the country's best young talent off-season, along with Tom Pondeljak. Still look solid at the back and certainly have the quality in midfield but with the loss of Pablo Cardozo, do they have the players up front to capitalise? A finals berth still looks assured but a lot will depend on how quickly new coach Gary Phillips finds his feet.

Last Season: 4th

PARRAMATTA POWER

Lapsansky

Coach: David Mitchell

Major Ins: Lubo Lapsansky (Knights), John Buonavoglia (Newcastle), Matthew Langdon (Spirit), Wayne O'Sullivan

(Plymouth Argyle – England), Brad Groves (Leeds United – England)

Major Outs: Milan Blagojevic, Joel Griffiths (both Newcastle), Mark Byrnes (Vicenza – Italy)

Disappointed last season after many had tipped them as a top six side. Hot and cold form was a factor, as was an inability to score freely. But they also look to have recruited well and with Lubo Lapsansky now pulling the strings in midfield, fellow newcomer John Buonavoglia should have plenty of opportunities up front. Must improve on last season's ninth placing and would be disappointed if they didn't make their inaugural finals appearance.

Last Season: 9th

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Coach: Eddie Krncevic

Major Ins: Peter Buljan (Strikers), Clayton Bell (Pride), Joe Bacak (Ethnikos – Greece)

Major Outs: Simon Colosimo (Manchester City – England), Michael Petkovic (Lillestrom – Norway), Goran Lozanovski (Alemmania Aachen - Germany), Zeljko Susa (Croatia), Con Boutsianis, Andy Vlahos, Vas Kalogeracos, (all Kingz), John Anastasiadis (retired)

Dominated the last regular season and were unbeaten at home, only to come up against a Wollongong side in red-hot form when it really counted. Decimated in the off-season, losing coach Mike Petersen, then a number of star players that will really test the club's depth. New coach Eddie Krncevic still has a very talented squad at his disposal but it won't be an easy first season in charge and they could face an uphill battle just to make the playoffs.

Last Season: 1st

SYDNEY UNITED

Asanovic

Coach: Branko Culina

Major Ins: Aljosa Asanovic (Hajduk Split – Croatia), Ante Milicic (Rijeka – Croatia), Kresimir Marusic, Ante Moric (both Sharks), Zeljko Kopic (Marsonia – Croatia)

Major Outs: Tom Pondeljak (Sharks), Shane Webb (Stallions) , Richard Plesa (on loan to AGF Ahus – Denmark), Francis Awaritefe, Velimir Kupresak (both retired)

After a great start that saw them head the table after three rounds, United failed to achieve any sort of consistency last season and finished 10th. Lost their best player Tom Pondeljak but may have picked up the coup of the season in ex-Croatia international Aljosa Asanovic. With Ante Milicic returning from Europe and another former favourite Kresimir Marusic back on board, United should have the firepower to test most teams and if their defence can tighten up, they could give the top six a good shake.

Last Season: 10th

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Coach: Ron Corry

Major Ins: Zeljko Babic (St Truiden – Belgium), Darren McDonald (Bellinzone – Switzerland), Alex Castro (Cosmos), Buddy Farah (Stallions), Naum Sekulovski (Pride)

Major Outs: Scott Chipperfield (FC Basel – Switzerland), Matt Horsley (Glory), Saso Petrovski (Viborg – Denmark), Dino Mennillo (Kallithea – Greece), Jay Lucas (Southampton – England), Robbie Middleby, Daniel Beltrame (both Newcastle)

Answered the critics who wrote off their chances last season by storming to back-to-back championships. Three major off-season losses again have the pundits doubting the Wolves' chances. But the champions have recruited smartly and still look full of goals. Add to that a close-knit group of players who've been together for a while now, along with an astute coach and the Wolves look a sure bet to be around again come finals time.

Last Season: 2nd

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INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

IT'S A HARD LIFE FOR SOME

England hero David Beckham is earning peanuts and ought to be raking in something like £40million ($A120million) a year, according to the world's leading sports agent Mark McCormack. The IMG boss feels that the England skipper, instead of struggling along on a meagre £2.5million ($A7.5million) a year, should be alongside Michael Schumacher who sped to £41million ($A123million) last year as Formula 1 world champion. Even Tiger Woods, who chipped in with £37million ($A111million) as the world's top golfer, is earning a packet compared to one of the world's top footballers. "People are willing to pay top dollar for the best, and Beckham belongs in that bracket," McCormack said.

PLAYERS ATTACKED BY OPPOSITION

Brazilian football club Palmeiras flew home earlier this week threatening action against Indian officials after their bid to win a tournament final ended in a brawl. Palmeiras were leading 1-0 against local club East Bengal in the final of the Indian Football Association tournament in Calcutta when on-field violence between players forced play to be abandoned. The Brazilians took cover in the dressing room as chairs rained from the stands, and refused to play on unless players were guaranteed a security cover. With organisers unable to decide the fate of the match, the Brazilians claimed they had won the tournament and purchased a trophy from a local shop to mark their "victory. "We would have liked to take home the real trophy, but as that is not happening, we are taking a symbolic trophy," Palmeiras spokesman Martin da Silva said. "Eight of our players and the launderer received injuries, hit either by the opposition or the police." Local organisers said they were unable to give a verdict because "video replays" of the match were not available.

INTERESTING CONTRACT 1

The position of Bora Milutinovic as China's head coach is in doubt following the nation's first-ever World Cup finals qualification. Milutinovic's contract with the Chinese Football Association (CFA) expires at the end of Asia's World Cup qualifying tournament and speculation has been rife in recent weeks that the CFA would replace him with a home grown official. The Serb, who has already coached four other nations at the World Cup finals, is hoping to become the first man to coach at five World Cups with five different teams. "My contract with the Chinese FA was to take the team to the World Cup, so whether I stay or leave is not important," he said after China's recent 1-0 win over Oman qualified them for Korea/Japan 2002.

INTERESTING CONTRACT 2

Some interesting details came to light recently about the new contract Dutch star Patrick Kluivert signed with FC Barcelona back in July, two months after the expiration of his old one. According to the contract, he will play for Barcelona until June 30, 2006 and became the club's second high-paid player after Rivaldo. He will receive 600 million pesetas (about $A3 million) per season, excluding bonuses. However, one of the articles in the contract says that after two years, the club will assess Kluivert's performance and if its officials are dissatisfied with his performance, the Dutchman will have to pay the club back 800 million pesetas ($A4 million) whereupon he will become a free agent automatically.

COLEMAN ON WAY BACK

Fulham skipper Chris Coleman, who feared he would never play again after his car accident in January, is working every day at the club's Motspur Park training ground again. The 31-year-old Welsh defender, who still suffers from nightmares, said: "I have probably had two or three dreams in nine months when I am back in my car but I wake up each time before I crash it. I wouldn't like to say I am jealous of the lads but for that first game at Old Trafford, I had to turn the TV off when I saw Andy Melville, an old mate from Wales, leading the team out. If I have to walk away, I will be devastated, but I will also know I couldn't have done any more." And after kicking his first ball on the comeback trail Coleman said: "I can't tell you how good it felt. It was the sort of day that made me think nothing is going to stop me getting back."

THE CHANGING FACE OF FOOTBALL

One of the stars of China's first-ever successful World Cup qualification campaign, defender Sun Jihai, is the target of Italian giants AC Milan and Torino, with English sides Everton and Crystal Palace also rumoured to be interested. The speedy 24-year-old full back has been one of the stand-out success stories of China's history-making World Cup campaign. Dalian Shide vice chairman Lin Lefeng said his club had also given permission for midfielder Li Ming, another international star, to go to Europe and that several clubs were interested in him. However Dalian's 19-year-old goalkeeper An Qi, who came into the Chinese side mid-campaign after an injury to first choice Jiang Jin, was not for sale, according to Lin. "People are interested, but he is not available. He is too young. Besides, we need a goalkeeper."

See Matt's Moment Live

"Big Screen Soccer" is back and it doesn't get much bigger in the NSL than Perth Glory versus Wollongong Wolves. Apart from that epic grand final a couple of seasons back, the two sides have produced some titanic clashes in the past few years. And won't Glory newcomer Matt Horsley be champing at the bit to get back to WIN Stadium and take on his former teammates. Yes, it all points to a mouth-watering contest and the Hotel Ibis at 334 Murray Street, Perth is the place to catch all the action and excitement this Friday, October 19. Doors open at 4:30pm for a 5:30pm kick-off and entry is $16 per person which includes a buffet meal and a fully licensed bar for those wishing to purchase alcohol. Several Glory players not in the travelling party will be there but with only 300 places available, tickets will go quickly so call the Glory office on 9383 9911 to reserve your seat.

Race For Glory

This season the Glory are expected to feature heavily in the race for the NSL championship but that's not the only race Australia's leading soccer club will be involved in. For the first time, the Glory will have a marquee at the prestigious Perth Cup which is run at Ascot Racecourse on New Years Day. It promises to be a fantastic day out and to find out how you can enjoy the action from the best seat in the house, see the ad on page 38 of this programme.

Magic At The Movies

We've seen a few wizards strut their stuff on Perth Oval over the past five seasons but when you're talking wizards, it's hard to go past Harry Potter. Don't take our word for it – come along and support one of Perth Glory's nominated charities and see a great family movie at the same time. The James Crofts Hope Foundation invites you to the screening of Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone, with all proceeds going to the organisation for paediatric cancer and brain tumours in children. The season's first fundraiser takes place on Saturday, December 8 at 5:30pm at the Astor Cinema in Mount Lawley. Cost is $16.50 adults, $10.00 children and concession and that includes beer, wine, soft drinks and nibblies on arrival. There will also be door prizes and raffles on the night and fabulous prizes for the best-dressed children. For tickets to this fun and extremely worthwhile event, please call Helen on 9446 3115 or e-mail htmcnamara@optusnet.com.au

Perth Glory – The Model Team?

It was a fashion show with a difference when the Glory boys took centre stage downstairs at the Maj on Wednesday, October 3. And while they weren't exactly twirling along the catwalk in the very latest European designer labels blowing kisses to a gasping audience, Mich d'Avray's team were showing off the club's stylish new away strip at the official season launch. Over 100 club sponsors and media attended the function at which major sponsor Western QBE's Assistant General Manager Jules Di Bartolomeo presented the squad with their home shirts for this season, which, like the away strip, feature the new round neck look.

A Golden Night

Another important date on the Glory calendar was the Golden Member's season launch and that took place at the Mercure Hotel on Friday, September 28. Golden Members enjoyed a cocktail function where they were introduced (or in some cases re-introduced) to the Glory players, before Mich d'Avray gave everyone a little bit of an insight into the coming season and what they might expect.

Glory Overseas

Kasey Wehrman joined a small, but growing number of Glory players who've left the club to fulfil their dream of playing overseas. Others include Ivan Ergic, Danny Hay, Danny Milosevic and a number of others who've taken the shorter flight up to Asia. But it's not only on the pitch that the glory word is spreading ... Glory fans continue to bob up all over the world. The latest additions to a wide and varied list are Brendan Butler who lives in Alberta, Canada and Gordon Mabon from Kilmarnock, Scotland. Both youngsters recently joined the Peters Glory Squad, taking its numbers to almost 1,000.

Attention Peters Glory Squad Members

What would the start of a Perth Glory season be without the now-traditional sausage sizzle. The first big in-season event on the Glory soccer calendar – the Peters Glory Squad Sausage Sizzle – takes place at Perth Oval on Thursday November 1 and runs from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. As always, there'll be loads of free entertainment, including the bouncy castle and face painting. All your favourite Glory players will be there, so come along and grab their autographs, get them signed, and enjoy a delicious sausage in a bun, along with a Peters ice-cream and a Harvey Fresh drink or Coke.

RADIO FREMANTLE 107.9 fm

Radio Fremantle began transmission in the mid-1980s and soccer has always been a feature of Radio Fremantle sports broadcasts. During 2000-01 Radio Fremantle, at very short notice, covered some of the Glory's away matches. This season a number of games will be broadcast, beginning with the Glory's "international", the away game against Football Kingz later this month. Broadcasting on a new frequency of 107.9 *fm*, and with an increased broadcast range, Radio Fremantle can now received metro-wide.

Radio Fremantle's Saturday Morning Soccer Show, now in its fifth year, can be heard each week from 10:00am. Hosts Martyn Wells, Penny Tanner and Dennis Gedling present an interest filled programme, covering all aspects of the world game, locally, nationally and internationally. Be sure to tune in each and every Saturday to Perth's only *fm* Saturday Morning Soccer Show.

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PAST PLAYERS LOOK FOR GLORY ABROAD

This off-season didn't see quite the turnover of players Perth Glory has had in the past. However, as always, a number of players did move on including Kasey Wehrman, who signed for Norwegian side FK Moss, joining Danny Hay, Danny Milosevic and Ivan Ergic in Europe. Another ex-Glory boy Tony Carbone is doing well in Singapore, where he's been joined by Hamilton Thorp recently. There are others who aren't as easy to track down including Gavin Wilkinson and Gianfranco Circati but this season "Glory Abroad" will provide updates on former favourites who are now doing just that, looking for glory abroad.

With the closing rounds of the European World Cup qualifiers taking place last weekend, most European leagues stopped for one week, so with several of the Glory's overseas players out of action, there's not too much to report this week.

DANNY MILOSEVIC

03-10-01: Played a full game for a Leeds United reserves side that included seven first team regulars and kept a clean sheet as United beat Aston Villa reserves 2-0 away.

09-10-01: Was not in the Leeds side that thrashed Leicester City in the third round of the Worthington Cup.

HAMILTON THORP

29-09-01: Scored a goal in the opening minute before being replaced after 62 minutes for Tanjong Pagar United in their 3-1 win away to Clementi Khaloa in Singapore's 'S' League

06-10-01: Was replaced after 63 minutes in Tanjong's 4-0 win at home to Marine Castle United.

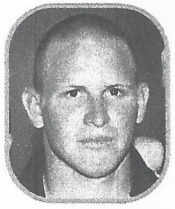
ANTHONY CARBONE

29-09-01: Played a full game for Marine Castle United in their 1-1 draw away to Woodlands Wellington

06-10-01: Played a full game for Marine who got hammered 4-0 away to Tanjong Pagar United.

KASEY WEHRMAN

30-09-01: Played a full game for FK Moss in the Norwegian First Division but couldn't stop his team going down 3-1 at home to Odd Grenland.



IVAN ERGIC

30-09-01: Played a full game for FC Basel in their 4-1 win away to Servette Genf in the Swiss First Division

DANNY HAY

03-10-01: Was not in the Leeds United reserves side that beat Aston Villa reserves 2-0.

FLASHBACK

THIS TIME...

5 YEARS AGO

Round 2 West Adelaide 3 Perth Glory 1 League Position 14th (of 14)

After a 4-1 defeat on their NSL debut a week earlier, the Glory faced middle-of-the-road West Adelaide in their first away match. However, the league's new-boys soon discovered life in the NSL would not be at all easy. After Dale Wingell and Paul McVittie wasted good chances, a Gareth Naven own goal, followed by a double from Jim Tskenis made it 3-0 to the Sharks. Despite a late consolation goal by Paul Strudwick (the club's first on the road), the Glory were winless after the opening two rounds.

Glory Line-up: *Maras, Beretovac, C Naven, Buljubasic, G Naven, Miller, McVittie (Wilkinson), Despotovski, MacKenzie (Strudwick), Ithier, D Wingell*

4 YEARS AGO

Round 2 Perth Glory 1 Adelaide City 4 League Position 13th (of 14)

A bumper crowd of 17,673 crammed into Perth Oval and they couldn't have dreamed of a better start, with high-profile Nigerian import Samson Siasia heading past Jason Petkovic to give the Glory the lead after just eight minutes. But from there it was all downhill for the home side with Kris Trajanovski equalising before the break, then Kosta Salapasidis and Michael Brooks (2) completing the rout. After three meetings, Adelaide's gun striker Damian Mori had still to open his account against the Glory.

Glory Line-up: *Maras, Wilkinson, Buljubasic, G Naven, Miller, Strudwick (McVittie), Despotovski, Tapai, Siasia, Hay, A Carbone (C Naven)*

3 YEARS AGO

Round 2 Perth Glory 2 Northern Spirit 0 League Position 3rd (of 15)

Two wins from two starts, another massive crowd and third place on the table (behind Carlton and Sydney Olympic on goal difference). That was the rosy picture after the Glory celebrated Vinko Buljubasic's 50th match for the club with a 2-0 win against newcomers Northern Spirit. Paul Strudwick continued his great start to the season, scoring for the second successive match, while big John Markovski grabbed his first for the club. The Spirit's black day was completed when Luke Casserley and Paul Bilokapic both received red cards.

Glory Line-up: *Milosevic, Trajkovski, Wilkinson, Buljubasic, G Naven (Boutsianis), Miller, T Halpin (Kalogeracos), Strudwick (Garcia), Despotovski, Markovski, Hay*

2 YEARS AGO

Round 2 Perth Glory 3 Marconi Stallions 3 League Position 4th (of 16)

The Glory maintained their remarkable unbeaten record against the Stallions in a match that saw Edgar Junior and Dion Valle make their home debuts, along with teenager Ivan Ergic. And it was the wonderkid who put the Glory ahead early with his first NSL goal, only for Zeljko Babic to level soon after. Chad Gibson stunned the home crowd seconds after the break but Bobby Despotovski and a Con Boutsianis free-kick special made it 3-2 before a defensive lapse saw Babic equalise again.

Glory Line-up: *Franken, Trajkovski, Harnwell, Miller (J Carbone), T Halpin (G Naven), Edwards, Despotovski (Thorp), Valle, Edgar, Boutsianis, Ergic*

1 YEAR AGO

Round 2 Perth Glory 1 South Melbourne 0 League Position 6th (of 15)

The Glory celebrated their first match under the new lights at Perth Oval with a hard-fought win ... but it wasn't without its fair share of drama. After just seven minutes, Jason Petkovic faced up to a penalty for the third time in two weeks and denied Steve Panopoulos with a great save. Bobby Despotovski put the Glory ahead soon after and moments later won a penalty. Incredibly, Michael Petkovic blocked Rob Trajkovski's shot, then to cap off a bizarre evening, both failed penalty-takers were sent off in separate incidents. What a home debut for Damian Mori, Brad Maloney and Shane Pryce.

Glory Line-up: *Petkovic, Trajkovski, Harnwell, G Naven, Miller, Maloney (Faria), Despotovski, Wehrman, Edgar, Mori, Pryce*

PERTH GLORY LETTERS & QUIZ

Want to voice your opinion about the club? Or share some of your Glory experiences? Or even your feedback or advice on our publication? Please try to keep all letters to under 200 words and if possible we will gladly print any accompanying photographs. Please send your letter to Glory Mailbag, PO Box 44, Floreat 6064

Dear Perth Glory,

I am writing to you as we are long-distance supporters of the Glory.

Myself and my children, Joanna (11) and Jacob (9) became supporters of the Glory via the regular e-mails and correspondence with our family in Perth – Mike, Jane and Thomas (11) Allison. The Allisons are season ticket-holders at the Glory.

I have actually sat up all night trying to get news of your big games via the internet radio sites! And we see you play on Sky TV in the UK as the highlights of the NSL are shown over here on a Friday night. In 2002 we hope to visit Perth and actually see you play, visit the ground, etc.

Anyway I am writing to send two photos. These show how Perth Glory is spreading around the globe. The first shows Thomas Allison in his shirt on the Mall in London in July 2001, as the horse guards pass on their way to Buckingham Palace. London now knows of the Glory! The second photo is Jacob, Joanna and me and we all have Glory hats on at the base of Mount Teide, Tenerife, Spain.

We hope you have a good season, keep winning.

Regards,
David Williams

Paul and Kirstie next to the Bill Shankly statue outside Anfield

Dear Editor,

Earlier this year we took an eight-year holiday in the UK. Being the home of soccer and "mad" Glory fans, we took our Glory gear along for some snaps at various grounds we knew we would be visiting. We were lucky enough to see three games – Newcastle v Middlesborough, Sunderland v Aston Villa and the Liverpool v Porto UEFA Cup match. We also caught up with a special friend and Glory supporter, Steve Mason of Liverpool. In the past, we all slept outside the Perth Entertainment Centre for finals tickets.

Thanks for all the efforts put into making the Glory such a great club. Especially the family events, it means a lot to the kids to be able to get so close to their soccer heroes.

Good luck for the season boys. We'll be there yelling our support as usual.

The McGreavy family

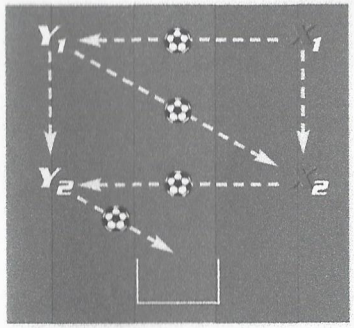
QUIZ

1. Who scored Perth Glory's first goal last season?
2. What number did Matt Horsley wear for Wollongong Wolves?
3. Who was runner-up in the MGP Award last season?
4. Who was the first team to beat Perth Glory in the NSL last season?
5. Which country did Alan Vest formerly captain?
6. Who played more games for Perth Glory – Vinko Buljubasic or Rob Trajkovski?
7. Who is the captain of Northern Spirit?
8. Which NSL club did former Newcastle United star John Buonavoglia move to in the off-season?
9. Which country knocked the Joeys out of the FIFA U/17 World Championships last month?
10. Who will finish top of the South American World Cup qualifying campaign next month?

Answers on page 46

JUNIOR GLORY

SMARTER THAN SMOKING SOCCER SKILLS WITH ALAN VEST



PASSING

With a partner, practise passing and controlling the ball using the inside and outside of the foot. Progression can then be made by moving towards the goal.

The next level of progression is to move to a 2 v 2 situation, again passing and controlling with both sides of the foot, before trying to score a goal.

PARTY WITH PJ

Each home game, SONY will again be giving away a fabulous music CD or an exciting Playstation game to one lucky Glory fan. To be in the running, answer the following simple question and send your answer on the back of an envelope, along with your name and contact details, to:

SONY Competition
PO Box 44
Floreat, 6014
before Tuesday, October 30.

Mich d'Avray is Perth Glory's third coach. How many (including d'Avray) won their first NSL match?

Over to you PJ

Welcome to the 2001-02 NSL season and to another year of "Party with PJ".

There have been quite a few changes in the make-up of the Glory family over the off-season, both on and off the pitch. A notable observation is that the Glory boys are certainly a fertile bunch. Many of the lads already have young kiddies and a few are expecting more. A Glory Under-3 team is actualy being organised to take on the Ally's Kiddies XI. It seems that the new addition to the Edwards family, Aidan is going to have to b'de his team on the bench as he waits for a starting XI position. Who says there is no firepower left in the ageing councillor? Congratulations also to Dion and Petka on their engagement to their respective girlfriends, Emma and Tanya. Who will be the first to add to the growing Glory family? Rumour has it that Ljubes has a Croatian princess joining him here in Perth soon. Will he be next? It also seems that Ljubo is trying to emulate the hairstyle of our featured Sony artist this week – Macy Gray.

"the id" is the second album from Macy and looks set to follow in the footsteps of her multi-platinum selling debut album "On How Life Is". "the id" provides a great combination of R & B, soul, disco and funk to suit all you little groovers listening needs! The album also features a few guests including Slick Rick, Mos Def and the Red Hot Chilli Peppers' John Frusciante. Track four 'hey young world part 2' is my personal favourite. Macy's first single 'Sweet baby' has already had an impact on the Australian charts with a few more songs sure to follow suit. I would definitely "id" this one to your CD collection!!

Keep Smiling,
PJ Roberts

Glory Off To A Flyer

It may be very early days but last week's 3-1 win against South Melbourne was the Glory's best opening day result in their brief history. In their first two seasons, they lost their Round 1 match. The next couple of years saw narrow victories on day one, while they kicked off the last campaign with a draw. And when Bobby Despotovski scored his second just before half-time, he ended a rather unusual run – it was the first time the Glory had scored anything other than one goal in a Round 1 match after previous results of 1-4, 1-2, 1-0, 1-0 and 1-1.

Pryce Alert

Congratulations to Shane Pryce who should make his 150th NSL appearance this evening against the Stallions. The former Newcastle skipper played 129 games for the NSW club scoring 17 goals, before joining the Glory last season. A foot injury prevented him playing in his first finals series last year but the Pryce certainly looks right this season.

Glory Boys Clean Up

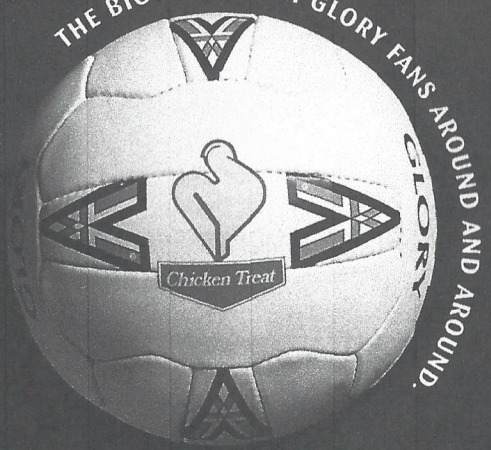
If you've come along to today's match and you're sitting in the eastern stand, stand up for a moment and have a look at your seat. Is it clean? How about those of you sitting on the newly-painted benches? How does the paintwork look? Is it up to scratch? If not, chances are one of the 11 Perth players on the pitch is responsible. You see, the Glory boys joined forces with club staff and volunteers a couple of weeks ago to help clean up Perth Oval for the new season. No one escaped – even the head coach was spotted scrubbing and hosing down the corporate boxes, but is it really true he was overheard saying to the media; "There are no easy boxes, I'm just taking it one box at a time"?

Will Glory Be Wynne-less Tonight?

It's not often a coach gets a red card during a game, and certainly not his assistant, but has there ever been a case of a team's Property Officer being given his marching orders? Anyone who's met Wynne Russell knows he's a top bloke but he can get quite excited on the bench and last Sunday against South Melbourne ... well the Glory may have set a world first. Actually, come to think of it, Wynne has been a bit quiet this week but the question is ... will he be suspended from taking his place on the bench and performing his duties tonight?

And The Donkey Is ...

For any fans who've managed to get down to a training session this season, you may be a bit puzzled by the fact one of the Glory players was wearing an orange T-shirt. And if you went down on more than one occasion, you'd realise it wasn't the same player each time. So what's going on? Well, if you actually get a bit closer, you'll be able to read the words "Donkey of the Week" printed on the shirt. Each week it's "awarded" to the player (or coach) who's done the silliest, maddest or just plain daftest thing that week ... and it certainly doesn't have to have happened on the soccer pitch. This week's donkey is ... sorry Jamie – but THAT photo takes some beating (if you haven't seen it yet, maybe Jamie will give you a look!)

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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